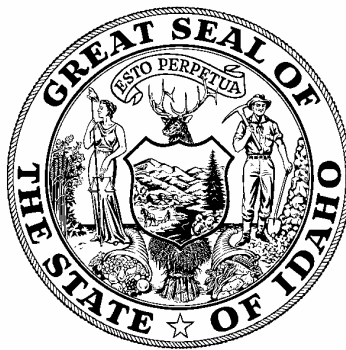


# **STATE OF IDAHO**

## **BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS**



**Selected Laws and Rules Pertaining to  
The Practice of the Professions of  
Engineering and Land Surveying  
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### **NOTE**

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**IDAPA 10  
TITLE 01  
CHAPTER 02**

**RULES OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

These rules are promulgated as authorized by Section 54-1208(1), Idaho Code. (7-1-93)

**001. TITLE AND SCOPE.**

**01. Title.** These rules shall be cited in full as Idaho Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors, IDAPA 10.01.02, "Rules of Professional Responsibility". (7-1-93)

**02. Scope.** In order to establish and maintain a high standard of integrity, skills and practice in the professions of engineering and land surveying, and to safeguard the life, health, property and welfare of the public, the following Rules of Professional Responsibility, hereinafter referred to as Rules, have been promulgated in accordance with Section 54-1208, Idaho Code, and shall be binding in the state of Idaho upon every person holding a certificate of registration as a Professional Engineer or Professional Land Surveyor, on all entities authorized to offer or perform engineering or land surveying services through a business entity or other legal entity and on every person holding a certificate as an engineer-in-training or a certificate as a land surveyor-in-training. Each Registrant and Certificate Holder under the laws of the state of Idaho is charged with being familiar with these Rules and knowledgeable in their application to the practice of engineering and land surveying. Such application shall include the recognition that the practice of engineering or the practice of land surveying is a privilege and the Registrant or Certificate Holder shall be forthright and candid in statements or written responses to the Board, or its representatives, on matters pertaining to these Rules. All Registrants or Certificate Holders in their original application, and for renewals thereof, shall certify that they have read and agree to abide by the Rules which are in force at the time of application or renewal. These Rules shall not be a basis for action involving civil liability, however, failure to obey these Rules may subject a Registrant or Certificate Holder to Board action pursuant to Chapter 12, Title 54, Idaho Code. (3-15-02)

**002. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.**

Persons desiring to contest the actions taken in accordance with these rules shall seek administrative relief under the Attorney General's Rules, IDAPA 04, Title 11, Chapter 01, "Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General". (7-1-98)

**003. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.**

In accordance with Section 67-5201(19)(b)(iv), Idaho Code, this agency has written statements which pertain to the interpretation of the rules of this chapter, or to the documentation of compliance with the rules of this chapter. These documents are available for public inspection and copying at cost in the main office of this agency. (7-1-93)

**004. DEFINITIONS.**

For the purposes of these rules, the following terms are used as defined below: (7-1-93)

**01. Board.** The Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors. (7-1-93)

**02. Certificate Holder.** Any person holding a current certificate as an Engineer-in-Training or a Land Surveyor-in-Training or a business entity (which is also herein referred to as a “person”) holding a current certificate of authorization, which has been duly issued by the Board. (3-15-02)

**03. Registrant.** Any person holding a current certificate of registration as a Professional Engineer, a Professional Land Surveyor, or a combination thereof, which has been duly issued by the Board. (7-1-98)

**04. Misconduct.** A violation or attempt to violate these rules of professional responsibility or to knowingly assist or induce another to do so, or do so through the acts of another; commission of a criminal act that reflects adversely on the registrant’s or certificate holder’s honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a registrant or certificate holder in other respects; engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation; state or imply an ability to influence improperly a government agency or official. (7-1-98)

## **005. RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC.**

**01. Primary Obligation.** All Registrants and Certificate Holders shall at all times recognize their primary obligation is to protect the safety, health and welfare of the public in the performance of their professional duties. (7-1-93)

**02. Standard Of Care.** Each Registrant and Certificate Holder shall perform in accordance with the standard of care for the profession and is under duty to the party for whom the service is to be performed to exercise such care, skill and diligence as others in that profession ordinarily exercise under like circumstances. (7-1-93)

**03. Professional Judgement.** If any Registrant’s or Certificate Holder’s professional judgement is overruled under circumstances where the safety, health and welfare of the public are endangered, the Registrant or Certificate Holder shall inform the employer or client of the possible consequences and, where appropriate, notify the Board or such other authority of the situation. (7-1-93)

**04. Obligation To Communicate Discovery Of Discrepancy.** If a Registrant or Certificate Holder, during the course of his work, discovers a material discrepancy, error, or omission in the work of another Registrant or Certificate Holder, which may impact the health, property and welfare of the public, the discoverer shall make a reasonable effort to inform, in writing, the Registrant or Certificate Holder whose work is believed to contain the discrepancy, error or omission. Such communication shall reference specific codes, standards or physical laws which are believed to be violated and identification of documents which are believed to contain the discrepancies. The Registrant or Certificate Holder whose work is believed to contain the discrepancy shall respond in writing within sixty (60) calendar days to any question about his work raised by another Registrant or Certificate Holder. Failure to respond on the part of the Registrant or Certificate Holder whose work is believed to contain the discrepancy shall be

considered a violation of these rules and may subject the Registrant or Certificate Holder to disciplinary action by the Board. The discoverer shall notify the Board in the event a response satisfactory to the discoverer is not obtained within sixty (60) days. (3-30-01)

**05. Obligation To Comply With Rules Of Continuing Professional Development.**

All Registrants licensed to practice professional land surveying shall comply with the requirements contained in IDAPA 10.01.04, "Rules of Continuing Professional Development".

(7-1-99)

**06. Obligation To Communicate with Clients.** A Registrant shall be complete, objective and truthful in all communications with clients. (4-6-05)

**006. COMPETENCY FOR ASSIGNMENTS.**

**01. Assignments In Field Of Competence.** A Registrant shall undertake to perform assignments only when qualified by education or experience in the specific technical field involved, however, a Registrant, as the prime professional, may accept an assignment requiring education or experience outside of his own field of competence, but his services are restricted to those phases of the project in which the Registrant is qualified. All other phases of such project shall be performed by qualified associates, consultants or employees. For projects encompassing one (1) or more disciplines beyond the Registrant's competence, a Registrant may sign and seal all documents for the total project only when the Registrant has first determined that all elements of the project have been performed, signed and sealed by other associates, consultants or employees who are competent and qualified to perform such services in other disciplines, and are registered or licensed. (7-1-93)

**02. Aiding And Abetting An Unregistered Person.** A Registrant or Certificate Holder shall avoid actions and procedures which, in effect, amount to aiding and abetting an unregistered person to practice engineering or land surveying. (7-1-93)

**03. Use Of Seal On Documents.** A Registrant shall affix his signature and seal only to plans or documents prepared under his responsible charge. (7-1-93)

**007. PUBLIC STATEMENTS.**

**01. Complete, Objective And Truthful Reports, Statements Or Testimony.** A Registrant shall be complete, objective and truthful in all professional reports, statements or testimony. He shall, to the best of his knowledge include all relevant and pertinent information in such reports, statements or testimony. (7-1-93)

**02. Opinions Based On Adequate Knowledge.** A Registrant or Certificate Holder, when serving as an expert or technical witness before any court, commission or other tribunal, shall express an opinion only when it is founded upon adequate knowledge of the facts in issue, upon a background of technical competence in the subject matter, and upon honest conviction of the accuracy and propriety of his testimony. (7-1-93)

**03. Statements Regarding Public Policy.** On matters connected with establishing public policy a Registrant or Certificate Holder shall issue no statements, criticisms or arguments which are paid for by an interested party, or parties, unless he has prefaced his comment by

explicitly identifying himself, by disclosing the identities of the party, or parties, on whose behalf he is speaking, and by revealing the existence of any pecuniary interest he may have in the matters. (7-1-93)

**04. Actions In Regard To Other Registrants Or Certificate Holders.** A Registrant or Certificate Holder shall not attempt to injure, maliciously or falsely, directly or indirectly, the professional reputation, prospects, practice or employment of another Registrant or Certificate Holder, nor shall he indiscriminately criticize another Registrant's or Certificate Holder's work in public. If he believes that another Registrant or Certificate Holder is guilty of fraud, deceit, negligence, incompetence, misconduct or violation of these rules he should present such information to the Board for action. (7-1-93)

## **008. CONFLICT OF INTEREST.**

**01. Conflict Of Interest To Be Avoided.** Each Registrant or Certificate Holder shall conscientiously avoid conflict of interest with an employer or client, and, when unavoidable, shall forthwith disclose the circumstances in writing to the employer or client. In addition, the Registrant or Certificate Holder shall promptly inform the employer or client in writing of any business association, interests, or circumstances which could influence a Registrant's or Certificate Holder's judgement or quality of service, or jeopardize the clients' interests. (7-1-98)

**02. Compensations From Multiple Parties On The Same Project.** A Registrant or Certificate Holder may accept compensation, financial or otherwise, from more than one (1) party for services on the same project, or for services pertaining to the same project, provided the circumstances are fully disclosed, in writing, in advance and agreed to by all interested parties. (7-1-93)

**03. Solicitation From Material Or Equipment Suppliers.** A Registrant or Certificate Holder shall not solicit or accept financial or other valuable considerations from material or equipment suppliers for specifying or recommending the products of said suppliers, except with full disclosure as outlined in Subsection 008.02. (7-1-93)

**04. Gratuities.** A Registrant or Certificate Holder shall not solicit or accept gratuities, gifts, travel, lodging, loans, entertainment or other favors directly or indirectly, from contractors, their agents or other third parties dealing with a client or employer in connection with work for which the Registrant or Certificate Holder is responsible, which can be construed to be an effort to improperly influence the Registrant's or Certificate Holder's professional judgement. Minor expenditures such as advertising trinkets, novelties and meals are excluded. Neither shall a Registrant or Certificate Holder make any such improper offer. (7-1-93)

**05. Solicitation From Agencies.** A Registrant, a Certificate Holder or a representative thereof shall not solicit or accept a contract from a governmental authority on which an existing principal or officer of his organization serves as a member of the elected policy and governing body of such governmental authority or serves as a member of an entity of such governmental authority having the right to contract for the services of a Registrant or a Certificate Holder. (7-1-93)

**06. Professional Services Decisions Of Agencies.** A Registrant, Certificate Holder or representative thereof serving as a member, advisor or consultant to a governmental board,

commission or department shall not participate in decisions with respect to professional services to be offered, that have been offered or may have been performed by that person's associates, firm or employer for the concerned governmental body upon which that person serves, whether such professional services are commissioned by an entity of the said governmental body or by another person or entity. (7-1-93)

**07. Unfair Advantage Of Position And Work Outside Regular Employment.** When a Registrant or an individual Certificate Holder is employed in a full time position, the person shall not use the advantages of the position to compete unfairly with other professionals and shall not accept professional employment outside of that person's regular work or interest without the knowledge of and written permission or authorization from that person's employer. (7-1-98)

## **009. SOLICITATION OF WORK.**

**01. Commissions.** A Registrant or Certificate Holder shall not pay or offer to pay, either directly or indirectly, any commission, gift or other valuable consideration in an effort to secure work, except to bona fide employees or bona fide established business enterprises retained by a Registrant or Certificate Holder for the purpose of securing business or employment. (7-1-93)

**02. Representation Of Qualifications.** A Registrant or Certificate Holder shall not falsify or permit misrepresentation of his or his associates' academic or professional qualifications, and shall not misrepresent or exaggerate the degree of responsibility in or for the subject matter of prior assignments. Brochures or other presentations incident to the solicitation of employment shall not misrepresent pertinent facts concerning employers, employees, associates, joint-venturers or his or their past accomplishments with the intent and purpose of enhancing qualifications for the work. The Registrant or Certificate Holder shall not indulge in publicity that is misleading. (7-1-93)

**03. Assignment On Which Others Are Employed.** A Registrant or Certificate Holder shall not knowingly seek or accept employment for professional services for an assignment which another Registrant or Certificate Holder is employed, or contracted to perform without the currently employed or contracted entity being informed in writing. (7-1-98)

**04. Contingency Fee Contracts.** A Registrant or Certificate Holder shall not accept an agreement, contract, or commission for professional services on a "contingency basis" which may compromise his professional judgement and shall not accept an agreement, contract or commission for professional services which includes provisions wherein the payment of fee involved is contingent on a "favorable" conclusion, recommendation or judgement. (7-1-98)

**05. Selection On The Basis Of Qualifications.** A Registrant or Certificate Holder should seek professional employment or professional service work on the basis of qualifications and competence for proper accomplishment of the work assignment. (7-1-93)

## **010. IMPROPER CONDUCT.**

**01. Fraudulent Or Dishonest Enterprises.** A Registrant or Certificate Holder shall not knowingly associate with, or permit the use of his name or the firm name in a business venture by any person or firm which it is known, or there is reason to believe, is engaging in

business or professional practices of a fraudulent or dishonest nature. (7-1-93)

**02. Confidentiality.** Registrants or Certificate Holders shall not reveal confidential facts, data or information obtained in a professional capacity without prior written consent of the client or employer except as authorized or required by law. (7-1-98)

**03. Actions By Other Jurisdictions.** The revocation, suspension or denial of a license to practice Professional Engineering or Professional Land Surveying, as an individual or through a business entity, in another jurisdiction, for reasons or causes which the Board finds would constitute a violation of the Idaho laws regulating the practice of Engineering and Land Surveying, or any code or rules promulgated by the Board, shall be sufficient cause after a hearing for the denial, suspension or revocation of a certificate of registration or certificate of authorization to practice engineering or land surveying in this state. (3-15-02)

## **011. RULE AND STATUTE VIOLATIONS.**

**01. Affidavits For Rule And Statute Violations.** Any person who believes that a Registrant or Certificate Holder by his actions, or failure to properly act, is guilty of fraud, deceit, negligence, incompetency, misconduct, or violation of these rules, or any applicable statute, may file a written affidavit with the Executive Director of the Board which shall be sworn to or affirmed under penalty of perjury, signed and in which the alleged rule and statute violations shall be clearly set forth and that the applicable Registrant or Certificate Holder, or both, should be considered for the appropriate disciplinary action by the Board. Following the receipt of such affidavit, the Board shall investigate, hold hearings and adjudicate the charges. Proceedings shall be exempt from all statutes of limitations. (5-3-03)

**02. Investigation Of Statute Or Rule Violations.** The Board may, at its own discretion, initiate investigation of alleged or possible statute or rule violations that have come to its attention. (5-3-03)

**012. -- 996. (RESERVED).**

## **997. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT COMPLIANCE.**

The records associated with the Board are subject to the provisions of the Idaho Public Records Act, Title 9, Chapter 1, Idaho Code. (7-1-93)

**998. -- 999. (RESERVED).**



**TITLE 54**  
**PROFESSIONS, VOCATIONS, AND BUSINESSES**  
**CHAPTER 12**  
**ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS**

**54-1201. Declaration of policy.** To safeguard life, health and property, every person practicing or offering to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying, as herein defined, for any project physically located in this state, shall submit evidence of his qualifications and be registered as hereinafter provided; and it shall be unlawful for any person to practice or offer to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying for any project physically located in this state, or to use in connection with his name or otherwise assume, use or advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression that he is a registered or licensed professional engineer or professional land surveyor, unless such person has been duly registered or is exempted under the provisions of this chapter. Except as exempted by section 54-1223, Idaho Code, an engineer shall be allowed to practice professional engineering as defined in this chapter only when he has become duly registered or licensed as a professional engineer by the board under this chapter. The practice of professional engineering or professional land surveying shall be deemed a privilege granted by the Idaho board of registration of professional engineers and professional land surveyors through the board, based on qualifications of the individuals as evidenced by the person's certificate of registration, which shall not be transferable. [54-1201, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 1, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 1, p. 547; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 1, p. 377; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 1, p. 1186; am. 2001, ch. 247, sec. 1, p. 890.]

**54-1202. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context or subject matter requires otherwise:

(1) Engineer. The term "engineer" means a person who is qualified to practice engineering by reason of his special knowledge and use of mathematical, physical and engineering sciences, and the principles and methods of engineering analysis and design, acquired by professional education and engineering experience.

(2) Professional Engineer. The term "professional engineer" means a person who has been duly registered or licensed as a professional engineer by the board under this chapter.

(3) Professional Engineering and Practice of Professional Engineering. The terms "professional engineering" and "practice of professional engineering" mean any service or creative work offered to or performed for the public for any project physically located in this state, such as consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, designing, teaching upper division engineering design subjects, and responsible charge of observation of construction in connection with any public or private utilities, structures, buildings, machines, equipment, processes, works, or projects, wherein the public welfare or the safeguarding of life, health, or property is concerned or involved, when such service requires the application of engineering principles and data. A person shall be construed to practice or offer to practice professional engineering within the meaning and intent of this chapter who practices or offers to practice any of the branches of the profession of engineering for the public for any project physically located in this state or who, by verbal claim, sign, advertisement, letterhead, card, or in any other way represents himself to be a professional engineer or through the use of some other title implies that he is a professional engineer or that he is registered under this chapter, or holds himself out as able to perform or who does perform for the public for any project physically located in this state, any engineering service or work or any other service designated by the practitioner which is the practice of professional engineering.

(4) Consulting Engineer. The term "consulting engineer" means a professional engineer whose principal occupation is the independent practice of professional engineering; whose livelihood is obtained by offering engineering services to the public; who is devoid of public, commercial and product affiliation that might tend to infer a conflict of interest; and who is cognizant of his public and legal responsibilities, and is capable of discharging them.

(5) Professional Land Surveyor. The term "professional land surveyor" means a person who is qualified by reason of his knowledge of the principles of land surveying acquired by education and practical experience to engage in the practice of professional land surveying and who has been duly registered or licensed as a professional land surveyor by the board under this chapter.

(6) Professional Land Surveying and Practice of Professional Land Surveying. The terms "land surveying" and "professional land surveying" mean responsible charge of surveying of land to determine the correct boundary description, to convey, to establish or reestablish land boundaries, or to plat lands and subdivisions thereof. Any person shall be construed to practice or offer to practice professional land surveying who engages in professional land surveying, or who, by verbal claim, sign, advertisement, letterhead, card, or in any other way represents himself to be a professional land surveyor, or who represents himself as able to perform or who does perform any professional land surveying service or work or any other service designated by the practitioner which is professional land surveying.

(7) Board. The term "board" means the Idaho board of registration of professional engineers and professional land surveyors, hereinafter provided by this chapter.

(8) Responsible Charge. The term "responsible charge" means the control and direction of engineering work, or the control and direction of land surveying work, requiring initiative, professional skill, independent judgment and professional knowledge of the content of relevant documents during their preparation. Except as allowed under section 54-1223, Idaho Code, reviewing, or reviewing and correcting, documents after they have been prepared by others does not constitute the exercise of responsible charge.

(9) Engineer-in-Training. The term "engineer-in-training" means a person who has qualified for, taken and passed an examination in the fundamentals of engineering subjects as provided in this chapter.

(10) Land Surveyor-in-Training. The term "land surveyor-in-training" means a person who has qualified for, taken and passed an examination in the fundamentals of land surveying subjects as provided in this chapter.

(11) Rules of Professional Responsibility. The term "rules of professional responsibility" means those rules, if any, promulgated by the board, as authorized by the Idaho Code.

(12) Public. The term "public" means any person, firm, corporation, partnership, company, government agency, institution or any other entity recognized by law.

(13) Business Entity. The term "business entity" means a corporation, professional corporation, limited liability company, professional limited liability company, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, professional limited liability partnership or any other form of business except a sole proprietorship.

(14) Signature. The term "signature" shall mean either: an original handwritten message identification containing the name of the person who applied it; or a digital signature which is an electronic authentication process attached to or logically associated with an electronic document. The digital signature must be unique to the person using it; must be capable of verification; must be under the sole control of the person using it; and must be linked to a document in such a manner that the digital signature is invalidated if any data in the document is changed.

(15) Standard Design Plan. The term "standard design plan" shall mean a building, structure, equipment or facility which is intended to be constructed or sited at multiple locations

and for which some or all of the plans must be prepared by a professional engineer. [54-1202, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 2, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 2, p. 547; am. 1961, ch. 258, sec. 1, p. 422; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 1, p. 372; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 2, p. 377; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 2, p. 1187; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 1, p. 991; am. 2001, ch. 247, sec. 2, p. 890; am. 2002, ch. 6, sec. 1, p. 6; am. 2007, ch. 219, sec. 1, p. 655.]

**54-1203. Idaho board of registration of professional engineers and professional land surveyors.** A board to be known as the "Idaho board of registration of professional engineers and professional land surveyors" is a division of the Idaho department of self-governing agencies and shall administer the provisions of this chapter. It shall consist of five (5) persons duly registered as provided by this chapter, appointed by the governor from among nominees recommended by any organized and generally recognized state engineering society in this state for the professional engineer members or any organized and generally recognized state land surveying society in this state for the professional land surveyor member. The board shall be comprised of four (4) persons registered as professional engineers and one (1) person registered as a professional land surveyor. The members of the board shall have the qualifications required by section 54-1204, Idaho Code. The members of the present board shall continue to serve for the balance of their respective terms of appointment. Each member of the board shall take, subscribe and file the oath required by chapter 4, title 59, Idaho Code, before entering upon the duties of the office. On the expiration of the term of any member, a successor shall be appointed in like manner by the governor for a term of five (5) years. Any appointment to complete a term that has not expired, because of resignation or inability of a member to serve for any reason, shall be for the unexpired portion of the term. A member of the board shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which he was appointed and until his successor has been appointed and qualified. A member after serving two (2) consecutive full terms in addition to any unexpired portion of a term, shall not be reappointed for a period of two (2) years. The board, on its own initiative, may appoint any former member as a member emeritus for special assignment to assist the board in the administration of this chapter. [54-1203, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 3, p. 516; am. 1974, ch. 13, sec. 109, p. 138; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 2, p. 373; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 3, p. 379; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 3, p. 1189.]

**54-1204. Qualification of members of board.** Members of the board shall be citizens of the United States and residents of this state, and they shall have been engaged for at least twelve (12) years in the practice of engineering for the professional engineer members or land surveying for the professional land surveyor member, shall have been in responsible charge for at least five (5) years of important professional engineering or professional land surveying work, and shall be registered under the provisions of this chapter. Responsible charge of engineering or land surveying teaching may be construed as responsible charge of important professional engineering or professional land surveying work. [54-1204, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 4, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 3, p. 547; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 3, p. 374; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 4, p. 380; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 4, p. 1189.]

**54-1205. Compensation and expenses of board members.** [EFFECTIVE UNTIL JULY 1, 2008] Each member of the board shall be compensated as provided by section 59-509(h), Idaho Code, when attending to the work of the board or any of its committees and for the time spent in necessary travel; and, in addition thereto, shall be reimbursed for all actual travel, per diem, incidentals and clerical expenses necessarily incurred in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

**54-1205. Compensation and expenses of board members.** [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008] Each member of the board shall be compensated as provided by section 59-509(i), Idaho Code, when attending to the work of the board or any of its committees and for the time spent in necessary travel; and, in addition thereto, shall be reimbursed for all actual travel, per diem, incidentals and clerical expenses necessarily incurred in carrying out the provisions of this chapter. [54-1205, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 5, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 4, p. 547; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 4, p. 374; am. 1980, ch. 247, sec. 59, p. 624; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 5, p. 380; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 2, p. 993; am. 2007, ch. 219, sec. 2, p. 657.]

**54-1206. Removal of board members and filling vacancies.** The governor may remove any member of the board for misconduct, incompetency, neglect of duty, or for any reason prescribed in the Idaho Code for removal of state officials. Vacancies in the membership of the board shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the governor as provided in section 54-1203, Idaho Code. [54-1206, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 6, p. 516; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 6, p. 380.]

**54-1207. Board -- Organization and meetings.** The board shall hold at least one (1) regular meeting each year. The rules of the board may provide for additional regular meetings and for special meetings. Notice of all meetings shall be given as may be provided in the rules. The board shall annually elect a chairman, a vice-chairman and a secretary, who shall be members of the board, and they may provide for an assistant or executive director who need not be a member of the board. Three (3) members shall constitute a quorum. [54-1207, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 7, p. 516; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 5, p. 374; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 5, p. 1190; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 3, p. 993.]

**54-1208. Board -- Powers.** (1) The board shall have the power to adopt and amend all bylaws, rules of professional responsibility, rules of continuing professional development for professional land surveyors not to exceed sixteen (16) hours annually, and rules of procedure, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state, which may be reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties and the administration of the chapter and the regulation of proceedings before the board. These actions by the board shall be binding upon persons registered under this chapter and shall be applicable to business entities holding a certificate of authorization as provided in section 54-1235, Idaho Code. It shall adopt and have an official seal which shall be affixed to each certificate issued. It shall have power to provide an office, office equipment and facilities and such books and records as may be reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties.

(2) In carrying into effect the provisions of this chapter, the board may subpoena witnesses and compel their attendance, and also may require the submission of books, papers, documents, or other pertinent data in any disciplinary matters or in any case wherever a violation of this chapter is alleged. Upon failure or refusal to comply with any such order of the board, or upon failure to honor its subpoena as herein provided, the board may apply to any court of any jurisdiction to enforce compliance with same.

(3) The board is hereby authorized in the name of the state to apply for relief by injunction in the established manner provided in cases of civil procedure, without bond, to enforce the provisions of this chapter or to restrain any violation thereof. Venue for all such actions shall be in the district court of the fourth judicial district, Ada county, Idaho.

(4) The board may subject an applicant for registration to such examination as it deems necessary to determine qualifications.

(5) Any action, claim or demand to recover money damages from the board or its employees which any person is legally entitled to recover as compensation for the negligent or otherwise wrongful act or omission of the board or its employees, when acting within the course and scope of their employment, shall be governed by the Idaho tort claims act, chapter 9, title 6, Idaho Code. For purposes of this section, the term "employees" shall include, in addition to those persons listed in section 6-902(4), Idaho Code, special assignment members and other independent contractors while acting within the course and scope of their board related work.

(6) The board may recommend arbitration of disputes between professional engineers or disputes between professional land surveyors. [54-1208, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 8, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 5, p. 547; am. 1963, ch. 22, sec. 1, p. 163; am. 1974, ch. 13, sec. 110, p. 138; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 7, p. 380; am. 1990, ch. 192, sec. 1, p. 424; am. 1998, ch. 220, sec. 6, p. 758; am. 1999, ch. 273, sec. 1, p. 686; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 4, p. 993; am. 2001, ch. 247, sec. 3, p. 892.]

**54-1209. Receipts and disbursements.** The secretary of the board, or assistants thereto as may be designated by the board, shall receive and account for all moneys derived under the provisions of this chapter, and shall pay the same to the state treasurer, who shall keep such moneys in a separate account to be known as the "professional engineers' and professional land surveyors' account." Such moneys shall be kept separate and apart from all other moneys in the treasury, and shall be paid out only on approval of the board. All moneys in the "professional engineers' and professional land surveyors' account" are hereby specifically appropriated for the use of the board. The secretary and executive director of the board shall be bonded to the state of Idaho in the time, form and manner prescribed in chapter 8, title 59, Idaho Code. The executive director of the board shall receive such salary as the board shall determine in addition to the expenses provided for in section 54-1205, Idaho Code. The board may employ such clerical or other assistants as are necessary for the proper performance of its work, and may make expenditures from this fund for any purpose which, in the opinion of the board, is reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties under this chapter, including the expenses of the board's delegates to annual conventions of, and membership dues to, the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying and any of its subdivisions. Under no circumstances shall the total amount of expenditures approved by the board in payment of the expenses and compensation provided for in this chapter exceed the accumulated amount of the fees collected as herein provided. All warrants on said "professional engineers' and professional land surveyors' account" shall be drawn by the state controller on vouchers by the board and the state board of examiners. [54-1209, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 9, p. 516; am. 1971, ch. 136, sec. 35, p. 522; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 6, p. 375; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 8, p. 382; am. 1990, ch. 192, sec. 2, p. 425; am. 1994, ch. 180, sec. 97, p. 490; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 6, p. 1190; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 5, p. 994.]

**54-1210. Records and reports.** (1) The board shall keep a record of its proceedings and a register of all applications for registration, which register shall show: the name, date of birth and last known address of each applicant; the date of the application; the place of business of such applicant; his education, experience and other qualifications; type of examination required; whether or not the applicant was rejected; whether or not a certificate of registration was granted; the dates of the action of the board; and any other information as may be deemed necessary by the board.

(2) The records of the board shall be prima facie evidence of the proceedings of the board set forth therein, and a transcript thereof, duly certified by the secretary of the board under

seal, shall be admissible in evidence with the same force and effect as if the original were produced.

(3) Annually the board shall submit to the governor a report of its transactions of the preceding year, and shall also transmit to him a complete statement of the receipts and expenditures of the board, attested by affidavits of its chairman and its secretary.

(4) Board records and papers are subject to disclosure according to chapter 3, title 9, Idaho Code. [54-1210, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 10, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 6, p. 547; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 9, p. 382; am. 1990, ch. 213, sec. 76, p. 541; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 7, p. 1190.]

**54-1211. Roster.** A complete roster showing the names and last known addresses of all registered professional engineers, all registered professional land surveyors, all entities holding certificates of authorization as required under section 54-1235, Idaho Code, and all who possess current certification as engineers-in-training and as land surveyors-in-training shall be maintained by the board in an electronic format available to the public. [54-1211, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 11, p. 516; am. 1961, ch. 258, sec. 2, p. 422; am. 1963, ch. 28, sec. 1, p. 169; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 7, p. 375; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 10, p. 383; am. 1991, ch. 30, sec. 11, p. 66; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 8, p. 1191; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 6, p. 995.]

**54-1212. General requirements for examination and license. [EFFECTIVE UNTIL JULY 1, 2010]** Except as herein otherwise expressly provided, no license as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor, or certification as an engineer-in-training or land surveyor-in-training, shall be issued until an applicant has successfully passed an examination given by or under the supervision of the board, nor shall a license as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor, or certification as an engineer-in-training or land surveyor-in-training, be issued to an applicant having habits or character that would justify revocation or suspension of certificate, as provided in section 54-1220, Idaho Code. The following shall be considered as minimum evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is qualified for assignment to an examination:

(1) As a professional engineer:

(a) Graduation from an approved engineering curriculum of four (4) years or more in a school or college approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, passage of an examination on the fundamentals of engineering acceptable to the board, and a specific record, after graduation, of an additional four (4) years or more of progressive experience in engineering work of a grade and character satisfactory to the board, and indicating that the applicant is competent to practice professional engineering; or

(b) Graduation with a bachelor's degree in a related science from a school or college approved by the board, and evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant possesses knowledge and skill approximating that attained through graduation from an approved four (4) year engineering curriculum, passage of an examination on the fundamentals of engineering acceptable to the board, and a specific record, after graduation, of an additional four (4) years or more of progressive experience in engineering work of a grade and character satisfactory to the board and indicating that the applicant is competent to practice professional engineering.

(2) As a professional land surveyor:

(a) Graduation from an approved surveying curriculum of four (4) years or more in a school or college approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, passage of an examination on the fundamentals of land surveying acceptable to the board, and a specific record of an additional four (4) years or more of progressive combined office and field

experience in land surveying work, of a grade and character satisfactory to the board and indicating that the applicant is competent to practice professional land surveying; or

(b) At least sixty (60) semester credit hours of college level academic education beyond high school, including a minimum of fifteen (15) semester credit hours in surveying, passage of an examination on the fundamentals of land surveying acceptable to the board, and a specific record of an additional six (6) years of progressive combined office and field experience in land surveying work of a grade and character satisfactory to the board and indicating that the applicant is competent to practice land surveying; or

(c) Evidence that the applicant possesses knowledge and skill, satisfactory to the board, similar to that attained upon completion of an approved college level academic curriculum, passage of an examination on the fundamentals of land surveying acceptable to the board, and evidence of a specific record of an additional eight (8) years of progressive combined office and field experience in land surveying work of a grade and character satisfactory to the board and indicating that the applicant is competent to practice land surveying.

(3) As an engineer-in-training:

(a) Graduation from or in the last two (2) semesters of an approved engineering curriculum of four (4) years or more in a school or college approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing and indicating that the applicant is competent to enroll as an engineer-in-training; or

(b) Graduation with a bachelor's degree in a related science from a school or college approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, and evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant possesses knowledge and skill approximating that attained through graduation from an approved four (4) year engineering curriculum, and indicating that the applicant is competent to be enrolled as an engineer-in-training.

(c) In the event the applicant qualifies for assignment to the examination during the last two (2) semesters of college under the provisions of section 54-1212(3)(a), Idaho Code, and a passing grade is attained, a certificate will be issued only after the applicant graduates.

(4) As a land surveyor-in-training:

(a) Graduation from, or in the last two (2) semesters of, an approved surveying curriculum of four (4) years or more in a school or college approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing and indicating that the applicant is competent to be enrolled as a land surveyor-in-training; or

(b) At least sixty (60) semester credit hours of college level academic education beyond high school, including a minimum of fifteen (15) semester credit hours in surveying, and in addition, a specific record of three (3) years or more of progressive combined office and field experience in land surveying work of a grade and character satisfactory to the board that the applicant is competent to be enrolled as a land surveyor-in-training; or

(c) Possesses knowledge and skill, satisfactory to the board, similar to that attained upon completion of an approved college level academic curriculum and evidence of a specific record of at least four (4) years experience of progressive combined office and field experience of a grade and character satisfactory to the board that the applicant is competent to be enrolled as a land surveyor-in-training.

In counting years of experience for assignment to the professional engineer or professional land surveyor examination, the board may, at its discretion, give credit, not in excess of one (1) year, for satisfactory graduate study toward a master's degree and not in excess of an additional one (1) year for satisfactory graduate study toward a doctorate degree. In the event an

applicant obtains a doctorate degree without first obtaining a master's degree, the board may, at its discretion, give credit, not in excess of two (2) years.

In considering the combined education and experience qualifications of applicants, the board shall consider engineering teaching, land surveying teaching, each year of satisfactory completion of undergraduate college education, advanced degrees in engineering and advanced degrees in land surveying in establishing the applicants' minimum composite knowledge and skill.

The mere execution, as a contractor, of work designed by a professional engineer, or the supervision of the construction of such work as a foreman or superintendent, shall not be deemed to be the practice of engineering, but if such experience, in the opinion of the board, has involved responsible supervision of a character that will tend to expand the engineering knowledge and skill of the applicant the board may in its discretion give such credit therefor as it may deem proper.

Any person having the necessary qualifications prescribed in this chapter to entitle him to registration shall be eligible for such registration although he may not be practicing his profession at the time of making his application.

**54-1212. General requirements for examination and license. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]** Except as herein otherwise expressly provided, no license as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor, or certification as an engineer-in-training or land surveyor-in-training, shall be issued until an applicant has successfully passed an examination given by or under the supervision of the board, nor shall a license as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor, or certification as an engineer-in-training or land surveyor-in-training, be issued to an applicant having habits or character that would justify revocation or suspension of certificate, as provided in section 54-1220, Idaho Code. The following shall be considered as minimum evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is qualified for assignment to an examination:

(1) As a professional engineer:

(a) Graduation from an approved engineering curriculum of four (4) years or more in a school or college approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, passage of an examination on the fundamentals of engineering acceptable to the board, and a specific record, after graduation, of an additional four (4) years or more of progressive experience in engineering work of a grade and character satisfactory to the board, and indicating that the applicant is competent to practice professional engineering; or

(b) Graduation with a bachelor's degree in a related science from a school or college approved by the board, and evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant possesses knowledge and skill approximating that attained through graduation from an approved four (4) year engineering curriculum, passage of an examination on the fundamentals of engineering acceptable to the board, and a specific record, after graduation, of four (4) years or more of progressive experience in engineering work of a grade and character satisfactory to the board and indicating that the applicant is competent to practice professional engineering.

(2) As a professional land surveyor:

(a) Graduation from an approved surveying curriculum of four (4) years or more in a school or college approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, passage of an examination on the fundamentals of land surveying acceptable to the board, and a specific record of an additional four (4) years or more of progressive combined office and field experience in land surveying work of a grade and character satisfactory to the board and indicating that the applicant is competent to practice professional land surveying; or



(b) Graduation with a bachelor's degree in a related science from a school or college approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, and evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant possesses knowledge and skill approximating that attained through graduation from an approved four (4) year surveying curriculum, passage of an examination on the fundamentals of land surveying acceptable to the board, and a specific record of an additional four (4) years or more of progressive combined office and field experience in land surveying work of a grade and character satisfactory to the board and indicating that the applicant is competent to practice land surveying.

(3) As an engineer-in-training:

(a) Graduation from or in the last two (2) semesters of an approved engineering curriculum of four (4) years or more in a school or college approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing and indicating that the applicant is competent to enroll as an engineer-in-training; or

(b) Graduation with a bachelor's degree in a related science from a school or college approved by the board, and evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant possesses knowledge and skill approximating that attained through graduation from an approved four (4) year engineering curriculum, and indicating that the applicant is competent to be enrolled as an engineer-in-training.

(c) In the event the applicant qualifies for assignment to the examination during the last two (2) semesters of college under the provisions of section 54-1212(3)(a), Idaho Code, and a passing grade is attained, a certificate will be issued only after the applicant graduates.

(4) As a land surveyor-in-training:

(a) Graduation from, or in the last two (2) semesters of, an approved surveying curriculum of four (4) years or more in a school or college approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing and indicating that the applicant is competent to be enrolled as a land surveyor-in-training; or

(b) Graduation with a bachelor's degree in a related science from a school or college approved by the board, evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant possesses knowledge and skill approximating that attained through graduation from an approved four (4) year surveying curriculum, and indicating that the applicant is competent to be enrolled as a land surveyor-in-training.

(c) In the event the applicant qualifies for assignment to the examination during the last two (2) semesters of college under the provisions of subsection (4)(a) of this section, and attains a passing grade, a certificate shall be issued only after the applicant graduates.

In counting years of experience for assignment to the professional engineer or professional land surveyor examination, the board may, at its discretion, give credit, not in excess of one (1) year, for satisfactory graduate study toward a master's degree and not in excess of an additional one (1) year for satisfactory graduate study toward a doctorate degree. In the event an applicant obtains a doctorate degree without first obtaining a master's degree, the board may, at its discretion, give credit, not in excess of two (2) years.

In considering the combined education and experience qualifications of applicants, the board shall consider engineering teaching, land surveying teaching, each year of satisfactory completion of undergraduate college education, advanced degrees in engineering and advanced degrees in land surveying in establishing the applicants' minimum composite knowledge and skill.

The mere execution, as a contractor, of work designed by a professional engineer, or the supervision of the construction of such work as a foreman or superintendent, shall not be deemed to be the practice of engineering, but if such experience, in the opinion of the board, has involved

responsible supervision of a character that will tend to expand the engineering knowledge and skill of the applicant the board may in its discretion give such credit therefor as it may deem proper.

Any person having the necessary qualifications prescribed in this chapter to entitle him to registration shall be eligible for such registration although he may not be practicing his profession at the time of making his application. [54-1212, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 12, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 7, p. 547; am. 1961, ch. 258, sec. 3, p. 422; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 8, p. 371; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 11, p. 375; am. 1990, ch. 192, sec. 3, p. 424; am. 1992, ch. 61, sec. 1, p. 192; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 9, p. 1185; am. 1997, ch. 189, sec. 1, p. 514; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 7, p. 995; am. 2002, ch. 125, sec. 1, p. 350; am. 2003, ch. 15, secs. 1 and 2, p. 43 and 46; am. 2004, ch. 84, secs. 1 and 2, p. 313 and 315.]

**54-1213. Applications and registration fees.** Applications for registration as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor, or certification as an engineer-in-training or land surveyor-in-training, shall be on forms prescribed and furnished by the board. The application shall be made under oath, and shall show the applicant's education and a detailed summary of his technical and engineering or land surveying experience. An applicant for registration as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor shall furnish not less than five (5) references, of whom three (3) or more should be registered professional engineers or professional land surveyors, as applicable, having personal knowledge of the applicant's engineering or land surveying experience. An applicant for certification as an engineer-in-training or land surveyor-in-training shall furnish not less than three (3) references of whom at least one (1) should be a registered professional engineer or professional land surveyor, as applicable, having personal knowledge of the applicant's engineering or land surveying experience. Applications for certificates of authorization shall be made in accordance with section 54-1235, Idaho Code.

The maximum application fee for professional engineers or professional land surveyors seeking to be licensed by an eight (8) hour or longer examination shall be an amount equal to the amount charged the board by the entity preparing and administering the examination, plus an administrative fee not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100). The total application fee shall accompany the application.

The maximum application fee for an applicant who seeks a certificate as an engineer-in-training or land surveyor-in-training shall be an amount equal to the amount charged the board by the entity preparing and administering the examination, plus an administrative fee not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00). The application fee shall accompany the application.

The maximum application fee for business entities seeking a certificate of authorization shall be two hundred dollars (\$200). The application fee shall accompany the application.

Separate application fees shall accompany all applications for each of the four (4) classes of examinations: professional land surveyor, engineer-in-training, land surveyor-in-training and professional engineer.

The amount of the registration fee or certificate fee shall be fixed by the board prior to June 30th of any year and shall continue in force until changed.

Should the board deny the issuance of a certificate of registration or authorization to any applicant, the fee deposited shall be retained as an application fee. [54-1213, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 13, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 8, p. 547; am. 1961, ch. 258, sec. 4, p. 422; am. 1963, ch. 23, sec. 1, p. 164; am. 1970, ch. 95, sec. 1, p. 238; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 9, p. 379; am. 1984, ch. 254, sec. 1, p. 605; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 12, p. 385; am. 1990, ch. 192, sec. 4, p. 428; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 10, p. 1194; am. 1998, ch. 220, sec. 7, p. 759; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 8, p. 997; am. 2001, ch. 247, sec. 4, p. 893; am. 2004, ch. 84, sec. 3, p. 317.]

**54-1214. Examinations.** (1) Examinations will be held at such times and places as the board directs. The board shall determine the acceptable grade on examinations.

(2) Written examinations will be given in two (2) sections and may be taken only after the applicant has met the other minimum requirements as given in section 54-1212, Idaho Code, and has been approved by the board for admission to the examinations as follows:

(a) Fundamentals of Engineering -- The examination consists of an eight (8) hour test period on the fundamentals of engineering. Passing this examination qualifies the examinee for an engineer-in-training certificate, provided he has met all other requirements of certification required by this chapter.

(b) Principles and Practice of Engineering -- The examination consists of a minimum of an eight (8) hour test period on applied engineering. Passing this examination qualifies the examinee for registration as a professional engineer, provided he has met the other requirements for registration required by this chapter.

(c) Fundamentals of Land Surveying -- The examination consists of an eight (8) hour test period on the fundamentals of land surveying. Passing this examination qualifies the examinee for a land surveyor-in-training certificate, provided he has met all other requirements for certification required by this chapter.

(d) Principles and Practice of Land Surveying -- The examination consists of a minimum of an eight (8) hour test period on applied land surveying. Passing this examination qualifies the examinee for registration as a professional land surveyor, provided he has met the other requirements for registration required by this chapter.

(3) A candidate failing all or part of the examination may apply for reexamination, which may be granted upon payment of a fee equal to the total application fee for the required examination. In the event of a second failure, the examinee shall be required to appear before the board or a member thereof to submit evidence of having acquired the necessary additional knowledge to warrant assignment to a third examination.

(4) The board may prepare and adopt specifications for the written examinations in engineering and land surveying. They may be published in brochure form and be available to any person interested in being registered as a professional engineer or as a professional land surveyor. [54-1214, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 14, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 9, p. 547; am. 1961, ch. 258, sec. 5, p. 422; am. 1970, ch. 95, sec. 2, p. 238; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 10, p. 380; am. 1984, ch. 254, sec. 2, p. 606; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 13, p. 386; am. 1990, ch. 192, sec. 5, p. 429; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 11, p. 1195; am. 1998, ch. 220, sec. 8, p. 760; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 9, p. 998.]

**54-1215. Certificates -- Seals.** (1) The board shall issue a certificate of registration upon payment of the registration fee as provided for in this chapter to any applicant who, in the opinion of the board, has satisfactorily met all of the requirements of this chapter, and an enrollment certificate shall be issued to those who qualify as engineers-in-training and land surveyors-in-training. In the case of a registered professional engineer, the certificate shall authorize the practice of "professional engineering," and in the case of a registered professional land surveyor the certificate shall authorize the practice of "professional land surveying." Certificates of registration shall show the full name of the registrant, shall give a serial registration number, and shall be signed by the chairman and the secretary of the board under seal of the board.

(2) The issuance of a certificate of registration by the board shall be prima facie evidence that the person named therein is entitled to all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of a

registered professional engineer or of a registered professional land surveyor, provided that said certificate of registration has not expired or has not been suspended or revoked.

(3) Each registrant hereunder shall, upon registration, obtain a seal, the use and design of which are described below. It shall be unlawful for any person to affix or to permit his seal and signature to be affixed to any documents after the certificate of the registrant named thereon has expired or has been suspended or revoked, unless said certificate shall have been renewed, reinstated, or reissued, or for the purpose of aiding or abetting any other person to evade or attempt to evade any portion of this chapter.

(a) The seal may be a rubber stamp, crimp or electronically generated image. Whenever the seal is applied, the registrant's signature and date shall also be included. If the signature is handwritten, it shall be adjacent to or across the seal. No further words or wording is required. A facsimile signature generated by any method will not be acceptable unless accompanied by a digital signature.

(b) The seal, signature and date shall be placed on all final specifications, land surveys, reports, plats, drawings, plans, design information and calculations, whenever presented to a client or any public or governmental agency. Any such document presented to a client or public or governmental agency that is not final and does not contain a seal, signature and date shall be clearly marked as "draft," "not for construction" or with similar words to distinguish the document from a final document. In the event the final work product is preliminary in nature or contains the word "preliminary," such as a "preliminary engineering report," the final work product shall be sealed, signed and dated as a final document if the document is intended to be relied upon to make policy decisions important to the life, health, property, or fiscal interest of the public.

(c) The seal, signature and date shall be placed on all original documents in such a manner that such seal, signature and date are reproduced when the original document is copied. The application of the registrant's seal, signature and date shall constitute certification that the work thereon was done by him or under his responsible charge. Each plan or drawing sheet shall be sealed and signed by the registrant or registrants responsible for each sheet. In the case of a business entity, each plan or drawing sheet shall be sealed and signed by the registrant or registrants involved. Copies of electronically produced documents, listed in paragraph (b) of this subsection, distributed for informational uses such as for bidding purposes or working copies, may be issued with the registrant's seal and a notice that the original document is on file with the registrant's signature and date. The words "Original Signed By:" and "Date Original Signed:" shall be placed adjacent to or across the seal on the electronic original. The storage location of the original document shall also be provided. Only the title page of reports, specifications and like documents need bear the seal, signature and date of the registrant.

(d) The seal and signature shall be used by registrants only when the work being stamped was under the registrant's responsible charge.

(e) The design of the seal shall be as determined by the board.

(4) The board shall issue to any applicant who, in the opinion of the board, has met the requirements of this chapter, an enrollment certificate or card as an engineer-in-training or land surveyor-in-training, which indicates that his name has been recorded as such in the board office. The engineer-in-training or land surveyor-in-training enrollment card does not authorize the holder to practice as a professional engineer or a professional land surveyor. [54-1215, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 15, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 10, p. 547; am. 1961, ch. 258, sec. 6, p. 422; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 11, p. 371; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 14, p. 375; am. 1996, ch. 357,

sec. 12, p. 1185; am. 1997, ch. 49, sec. 1, p. 83; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 10, p. 991; am. 2001, ch. 247, sec. 5, p. 889; am. 2002, ch. 6, sec. 2, p. 6; am. 2007, ch. 219, sec. 3, p. 657.]

**54-1216. Expirations and renewals -- Fees.** Following issuance or renewal of certificates of registration for professional engineers and land surveyors, expiration shall be on the last day of the month during which the registrant was born, in even-numbered state of Idaho fiscal years for those born in even-numbered calendar years and in odd-numbered state of Idaho fiscal years for those born in odd-numbered calendar years, and shall become invalid on that date unless renewed. Certificates of authorization for business entities shall expire on the last day of the month of July following issuance or renewal and shall become invalid on that date unless renewed. It shall be the duty of the board to notify every person registered and every business entity certified under this chapter, of the date of the expiration of said certificate of registration or certificate of authorization and the amount of the fee that shall be required for its renewal. Such notice shall be mailed to the last known address of the registrant or business entity at least one (1) month in advance of the date of the expiration of said certificate or authorization. Renewal may be effected at any time in the appropriate year during the month in which the registrant was born or during the month of July in the case of business entities, by the payment of a renewal fee to be fixed by the board at not more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). The failure on the part of any registrant or certificate holder to renew his or its certificate biennially in the month in which they were born or in the month of July in the case of business entities, as required above shall not deprive such person or business entity of the right of renewal, but the fee to be paid for the renewal of a certificate after the month in which it is due shall be increased twenty percent (20%) for each month or fraction of a month that payment of renewal is delayed; provided, however, that the maximum fee for delayed renewal shall not exceed twice the renewal fee for each biennium delinquent, but in no event more than three hundred dollars (\$300). Any work performed after a registration or certificate of authorization has expired, but before delayed renewal has been effected, shall become valid upon delayed renewal as if the registration or certificate of authorization had not expired, but the registrant or certificate holder shall be subject to disciplinary action by the board for practice on an expired license or such other action as provided pursuant to this chapter.

Following issuance or renewal of certificates of enrollment for engineers-in-training and land surveyors-in-training, expiration shall be on the last day of the month during which the certificate holder was born, in even-numbered state of Idaho fiscal years for those born in even-numbered calendar years and in odd-numbered state of Idaho fiscal years for those born in odd-numbered calendar years. The notification to holders of certificates of enrollment shall be processed as prescribed above for registrants except that the biennial renewal fee shall not be more than thirty dollars (\$30.00). The failure on the part of any holder of a certificate of enrollment to effect renewal shall not invalidate his status as an engineer-in-training or land surveyor-in-training, but his name shall, after ninety (90) days, be removed from the board's current mailing list. [54-1216, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 16, p. 516; am. 1953, ch. 162, sec. 1, p. 257; am. 1961, ch. 258, sec. 7, p. 422; am. 1963, ch. 24, sec. 1, p. 166; am. 1970, ch. 95, sec. 3, p. 238; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 12, p. 381; am. 1979, ch. 111, sec. 1, p. 355; am. 1984, ch. 254, sec. 3, p. 607; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 15, p. 389; am. 1990, ch. 192, sec. 6, p. 430; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 13, p. 1197; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 11, p. 1001; am. 2001, ch. 247, sec. 6, p. 895.]

#### **54-1217 [REPEALED]**

**54-1218. Public work.** It shall be unlawful for this state, or for any county, city, school district, irrigation district, drainage district, highway district, or other subdivision of the state,

having power to levy taxes or assessments against property situated therein, to engage in the construction of any public work when the public health or safety is involved unless the plans and specifications and estimates have been prepared by, and the construction reviewed by a registered professional engineer. [54-1218, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 18, p. 516; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 14, p. 383.]

**54-1219. Comity certification -- Fee.** The board, upon application therefor and the payment of a fee of not to exceed a maximum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150), may issue a certificate of registration as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor to any person who holds a certificate of registration issued to the applicant by the proper authority of any state, territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or of a foreign country, provided that, in the opinion of the board, the applicant possesses the education, experience and examination credentials, or their equivalents, that were specified in the applicable registration chapter in effect in this state at the time such certificate was issued, provided that a professional land surveyor applicant must successfully pass a land surveying examination as prepared and administered by the board, and provided such state, territory, possession or country will license or issue certificates of registration, without examination and upon substantially the same condition, to applicants holding licenses or certificates of registration issued by the board under this chapter. [54-1219, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 19, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 11, p. 547; am. 1961, ch. 258, sec. 8, p. 422; am. 1970, ch. 95, sec. 4, p. 238; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 15, p. 384; am. 1984, ch. 254, sec. 4, p. 608; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 17, p. 390; am. 1990, ch. 192, sec. 8, p. 431; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 15, p. 1199; am. 2003, ch. 15, sec. 3, p. 48.]

**54-1220. Disciplinary action -- Procedures.** (1) Any affected party may prefer charges of fraud, deceit, gross negligence, incompetence, misconduct or violation of any provision of this chapter, or violation of any of the rules promulgated by the board against any individual registrant or against any business entity holding a certificate of authorization or against a person applying for a certificate of authorization. Repeated acts of negligence may be considered as a gross act for disciplinary action. Such charges shall be in writing, and shall be sworn to by the person or persons making them and shall be filed with the executive director of the board. The executive director of the board shall be considered an affected party and may be the person making and filing the charges.

(2) All charges, unless dismissed by the board as unfounded or trivial, or unless settled informally, shall be heard by the board within six (6) months after the date they were received at the board office unless such time is extended by the board for justifiable cause.

(3) The time and place for said hearing shall be fixed by the board and a copy of the charges, together with a notice of the time and place of hearing, shall be personally served on or mailed to the last known address of such individual registrant or business entity holding a certificate of authorization. The proceedings shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code.

(4) If, after such hearing, the board votes in favor of sustaining the charges, the board may, in its discretion, impose an administrative penalty, not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for deposit in the general account of the state of Idaho. In addition, the board, in its discretion, may admonish, reprimand, suspend, revoke, refuse to renew, refuse to grant, or any combination thereof, the individual's certificate of registration or a business entity's certificate of authorization. The board may also, in its discretion, require the individual to practice under the supervision of another licensee, or require the individual to successfully complete continuing education courses as may be prescribed by the board.

(5) The board shall have jurisdiction over registrants whose licenses are not current provided the action relates to services performed when the license was current and valid. [54-1220, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 20, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 12, p. 547; am. 1963, ch. 25, sec. 1, p. 167; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 16, p. 384; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 18, p. 391; am. 1991, ch. 21, sec. 1, p. 44; am. 1993, ch. 216, sec. 63, p. 646; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 16, p. 1199; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 12, p. 1002; am. 2001, ch. 247, sec. 7, p. 896; am. 2004, ch. 84, sec. 4, p. 318; am. 2007, ch. 219, sec. 4, p. 659.]

**54-1221. Reissuance of certificates.** The board, upon petition of an individual or a business entity, may reissue or reinstate a certificate of registration or authorization, provided three (3) or more members of the board vote in favor of such reissuance or reinstatement. A new certificate of registration or certificate of authorization, to replace any certificate revoked, lost, destroyed or mutilated, may be issued, subject to the rules of the board, and upon payment of such reasonable charge therefor as shall be fixed by the board to cover the estimated cost of investigation and such reissuance, but not exceeding ten dollars (\$10.00) in any case. [54-1221, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 21, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 13, p. 547; am. 1963, ch. 26, sec. 1, p. 168; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 19, p. 392; am. 2001, ch. 247, sec. 8, p. 897.]

**54-1222. Violations and penalties -- Prosecution of offenses.** Any person who shall practice, or offer to practice, professional engineering or professional land surveying in this state without being registered in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, or any person presenting or attempting to use as his own the certificate of registration or the seal of another, or any person who shall give any false or forged evidence of any kind to the board or to any member thereof in obtaining a certificate of registration, or any person who shall falsely impersonate any other registrant of like or different name, or any person who shall attempt to use an expired or revoked certificate of registration or practice at any time during a period the board has suspended or revoked his certificate of registration, or any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Legal counsel selected by the board, or the attorney general of this state or anyone designated by him may act as legal advisor of the board. It shall be the duty of the attorney general of this state to enforce the provisions of this chapter and to prosecute any person violating the same. The attorney general shall be reimbursed by the board for any fees and expenses incurred by the attorney general in representing the board. [54-1222, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 22, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 14, p. 547; am. 1974, ch. 13, sec. 111, p. 138; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 17, p. 385; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 20, p. 392; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 13, p. 1003.]

**54-1223. Saving clause -- Exemptions.** (1) This chapter shall not be construed to affect:

- (a) The practice of any other profession or trade for which a license is required under any law of this state or the United States.
- (b) The work of an employee or a subordinate of a person holding a certificate of registration under this chapter, provided such work does not include final engineering design or land surveying decisions and is done under the direct responsibility, checking, and supervision of, and verified by, a person holding a certificate of registration under this chapter.
- (c) Any individual teaching upper division engineering subjects that are classified as engineering design for any college or university in this state as of July 1, 1988, and any such individual employed after July 1, 1988, for a period of five (5) years from the date of employment with any college or university in this state.

- (d) An individual doing surveying work for himself, or through a business entity, on property owned or leased by the individual or business entity, or in which the individual or business entity has an interest, estate or possessory right and which affects exclusively the property or interests of the individual or business entity; provided, that all land surveying maps, plats or plans filed with any county recorder's office in the state of Idaho for the purpose of illustrating or defining boundaries of property ownership, shall be made and certified by a registered, professional land surveyor as provided in this chapter.
- (e) An individual doing survey work for himself, or through a business entity with respect to the location, amendment, or relocation of a mining claim.
- (f) The practice of engineering by employees of a business entity as long as the services provided by them are for internal business entity use only.
- (2) The board, at its discretion, may exempt an exceptional individual who has twelve (12) or more years of appropriate experience in engineering from the requirement for satisfactory completion of an examination in the fundamentals of engineering.
- (3) An applicant for licensure as a professional engineer either by examination or by comity who has earned a bachelor degree in engineering from an approved engineering program and has, in addition, earned a doctorate degree in engineering from a college or university which offers an approved undergraduate program in the same discipline as the doctorate degree earned, shall be exempt from the requirement for satisfactory completion of an examination in the fundamentals of engineering. Honorary doctorate degrees are not considered earned degrees for purposes of this subsection.
- (4) In addition to, and notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, in circumstances of emergency creating conditions of imminent and substantial danger to the public health, safety or environment through the provision of engineering services, the prosecuting attorney or the attorney general may institute a civil action for an immediate injunction to halt the provision of engineering services.
- (5) A professional engineer licensed in Idaho may review the work of a professional engineer who is licensed in another jurisdiction of the United States or a foreign country on a project that is a site adaptation of a standard design plan to determine that the standard design plan meets the standard of care and is applicable to the intended circumstance, with or without modification. The Idaho professional engineer shall demonstrate responsible charge, as defined in this chapter, by performing professional services related to his assignment including developing or obtaining a complete design record with design criteria and calculations, performing necessary code research and developing any necessary and appropriate changes to the standard design plan necessary to properly apply the standard design to the intended circumstance. The nonprofessional services, such as drafting, need not be redone by the Idaho professional engineer, but must clearly and accurately reflect the Idaho professional engineer's work. The burden is on the Idaho professional engineer to show such compliance. The Idaho professional engineer shall have control of and responsibility for the entire work product, shall seal, sign and date it as required in this chapter, and shall be in possession of all original documents or certified copies of documents related to the professional engineer's work for the project. [54-1223, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 23, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 15, p. 547; am. 1970, ch. 95, sec. 5, p. 238; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 18, p. 386; am. 1984, ch. 254, sec. 5, p. 608; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 21, p. 393; am. 1990, ch. 192, sec. 9, p. 432; am. 1994, ch. 356, sec. 1, p. 1116; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 17, p. 1200; am. 1999, ch. 273, sec. 2, p. 686; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 14, p. 1003; am. 2001, ch. 247, sec. 9, p. 897; am. 2002, ch. 6, sec. 3, p. 9; am. 2006, ch. 137, sec. 1, p. 392; am. 2007, ch. 219, sec. 5, p. 659.]

**54-1224. [REPEALED]**



**54-1225. Appeals.** Any person or organization who shall feel aggrieved by any action of the board in denying, suspending or revoking a certificate of registration or certificate of authorization, as is appropriate, may appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of the administrative procedures act, title 67, chapter 52, Idaho Code. [54-1225, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 25, p. 516; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 16, p. 547; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 19, p. 387.]

**54-1226. Separability.** If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the chapter, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this chapter are declared to be severable. [54-1226, added 1939, ch. 231, sec. 26, p. 516; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 16, p. 1004.]

**54-1227. Surveys -- Authority and duties of professional land surveyors and professional engineers.** Every registered, professional land surveyor is hereby authorized to make land surveys relating to the sale or subdivision of lands, the retracing or establishing of property or boundary lines, public roads, streets, alleys, or trails; and it shall be the duty of each registered professional land surveyor, whenever making any such land survey, to set permanent and reliable monuments, the minimum size of which shall be one-half (1/2) inch in least dimension and two (2) feet long iron or steel rod unless special circumstances preclude use of such monument; and such monuments must be permanently marked with the registration number of the professional land surveyor responsible for placing the monument. Professional engineers qualified and duly registered pursuant to title 54, Idaho Code, may also perform those surveys necessary and incidental to the work customarily performed by them. [(54-1227) 1903, p. 81, sec. 7; reen. R.C. & C.L., sec. 1408; C.S., sec. 2240; am. 1921, ch. 158, sec. 1, p. 351; I.C.A., sec. 53-2306; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 17, p. 547; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 20, p. 388; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 22, p. 395; am. 1992, ch. 61, sec. 2, p. 194; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 19, p. 1202.]

**54-1228. Administering and certification of oaths -- Authority of professional land surveyors.** Every registered, professional land surveyor is authorized to administer and certify oaths, when it becomes necessary to take testimony to identify or establish old or lost corners, or to perpetuate a corner that is in a perishable condition, or whenever the importance of the land survey makes it desirable, and to administer oaths to assistants for the faithful performance of duty. A record of such oaths shall be kept as part of the field notes of the land survey. [(54-1228) 1903, p. 81, sec. 6; am. R.C., sec. 1409; reen. C.L., sec. 1409; C.S., sec. 2241; am. 1921, ch. 158, sec. 2, p. 351; I.C.A., sec. 53-2307; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 18, p. 547; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 21, p. 388; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 23, p. 395.]

**54-1229. Legal survey of land.** No survey of land, or plat or subdivision shall be legal unless made by or under the responsible charge of a professional land surveyor.

All land surveys made under the authority of the state, or of any political subdivision of the state, must be performed by a professional land surveyor. [(54-1229) 1903, p. 81, secs. 9, 12; reen. R.C. & C.L., sec. 1410; C.S., sec. 2242; am. 1921, ch. 158, sec. 3, p. 351; I.C.A., sec. 53-2308; am. 1957, ch. 234, sec. 19, p. 547; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 22, p. 388; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 24, p. 395; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 20, p. 1202; am. 1998, ch. 220, sec. 9, p. 761; am. 2000, ch. 289, sec. 17, p. 1004.]

**54-1230. Public surveying -- Right of entry.** Any person employed in the execution of any survey authorized by the congress of the United States may enter upon lands within this state

for the purpose of exploring, triangulating, leveling, surveying, and of doing any work which may be necessary to carry out the objects of then existing laws relative to surveys, and may establish permanent station marks, and erect the necessary signals and temporary observatories, doing no unnecessary injury thereby. [(54-1230) 1919, ch. 31, sec. 1, p. 112; C.S., sec. 2243; I.C.A., sec. 53-2309; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 25, p. 395.]

**54-1231. Public surveying -- Assessment of damages for entry.** If the parties interested cannot agree upon the amount to be paid for damages caused thereby, either of them may petition the district court in the county in which the land is situated, which court shall appoint a time for a hearing as soon as may be, and order at least twenty (20) days' notice to be given to all parties interested, and, with or without a view of the premises, as the court may determine, hear the parties and their witnesses and assess damages. [(54-1231) 1919, ch. 31, sec. 2, p. 112; C.S., sec. 2244; I.C.A., sec. 53-2310.]

**54-1232. Public surveying -- Tender of damages for entry.** The person so entering upon land may tender to the injured party damages therefor, and if, in case of petition or complaint to the court, the damages finally assessed do not exceed the amount tendered, the person entering shall recover costs; otherwise the prevailing party shall recover costs. [(54-1232) 1919, ch. 31, sec. 3, p. 112; C.S., sec. 2245; I.C.A., sec. 53-2311.]

**54-1233. Public surveying -- Costs of assessment of damages.** The costs to be allowed in all such cases shall be the same as allowed according to the rules of the court, and provisions of law relating thereto. [(54-1233) 1919, ch. 31, sec. 4, p. 112; C.S., sec. 2246; I.C.A., sec. 53-2312.]

**54-1234. Monumentation -- Penalty and liability for defacing.** If any person shall wilfully deface, injure or remove any signal, monument, building or other object set as a permanent boundary survey marker by a registered, professional land surveyor, he shall forfeit a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) for each offense, and shall be liable for damages sustained by the affected parties in consequence of such defacing, injury or removal, to be recovered in a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction. [(54-1234) 1919, ch. 31, sec. 5, p. 112; C.S., sec. 2247; I.C.A., sec. 53-2313; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 26, p. 396.]

**54-1235. Practice by a business entity.** (1) The practice of or offer to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying, as defined in this chapter, by professional engineers or professional land surveyors, through a business entity, or by a business entity through professional engineers or professional land surveyors, as employees, or officers, is permitted subject to the provisions of this chapter, provided that all personnel of such business entity, who act in its behalf as professional engineers or professional land surveyors in this state are registered as provided by this chapter, or are persons lawfully practicing under the exemptions enumerated in this chapter, and further provided that said business entity, except utilities regulated by the Idaho public utilities commission, has been issued a certificate of authorization by the board as provided by this chapter. No business entity shall be relieved of responsibility for the conduct or acts of its employees or officers by reason of its compliance with the provisions of this chapter, nor shall any individual practicing professional engineering or professional land surveying as defined in this chapter, be relieved of responsibility for engineering or land surveying services performed by reason of his employment or relationship with such business entity. All final drawings, specifications, plats, reports, or other engineering or land surveying papers or documents involving the practice of professional engineering or

professional land surveying as defined in this chapter, which shall have been prepared or approved for the use of or for delivery to any person or for public record within this state shall be dated and bear the signature and seal of the professional engineer or professional land surveyor who prepared or approved them.

(2) A business entity organized pursuant to this section may provide or offer to provide allied professional services as defined in section 30-1303, Idaho Code, in connection with the providing of engineering or land surveying services, by persons licensed in allied professions acting as employees or officers, provided such persons are duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized to render such allied professional services within this state.

(3) A business entity desiring a certificate of authorization for engineering, for land surveying, or for both, shall file with the board a description of the engineering or land surveying service to be offered or practiced in the state, an application upon a form to be prescribed by the board and the designation required by the following paragraph, accompanied by the application fee.

(4) Such business entity shall file with the board a designation of an individual or individuals duly registered and certified to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying in this state who shall be in responsible charge of the practice of professional engineering or land surveying, as applicable, by said business entity in this state. In the event there shall be a change in the individual or individuals in responsible charge, such changes shall be designated in writing and filed with the board within thirty (30) days after the effective date of such change.

If all requirements of this chapter are met, the board shall issue to such business entity a certificate of authorization for professional engineering, for land surveying, or for both; provided, however, the board may refuse to issue a certificate if any facts exist which would entitle the board to suspend or revoke an existing certificate.

A professional engineer or professional land surveyor who renders occasional, part-time or consulting engineering or land surveying services to or for a business entity may not be designated as the person in responsible charge for the professional activities of the business entity.

(5) The secretary of state shall not accept for filing from any person any assumed business name which includes within its name any of the words "engineer," "engineering," "land surveyor," "land surveying," or any modification or derivation thereof, unless the board shall have issued a letter indicating that the person has a licensed professional in responsible charge of the professional activities of the sole proprietorship or business entity. The board may notify the secretary of state, in writing, that it waives any objection to the name if the person is clearly not governed by chapter 12, title 54, Idaho Code. The secretary of state shall not accept for filing the organizational documents of an Idaho business entity, or authorize the transaction of business by any foreign business entity which includes, among objects for which it is established or within its name, any of the words "engineer," "engineering," "land surveyor," "land surveying," or any modification or derivation thereof, unless the board shall have issued for said applicant a certificate of authorization or a letter indicating the eligibility of said applicant to receive such certificate. The board may notify the secretary of state, in writing, that it waives any objection to the name or purpose of any business entity if it is clearly not governed by chapter 12, title 54, Idaho Code. The business entity applying shall include such certificate or letter from the board with any filings submitted to the secretary of state. [54-1235, added 1963, ch. 20, sec. 1, p. 161; am. 1978, ch. 170, sec. 23, p. 389; am. 1979, ch. 176, sec. 1, p. 527; am. 1986, ch. 140, sec. 27, p. 396; am. 1990, ch. 192, sec. 10, p. 433; am. 1996, ch. 357, sec. 21, p. 1203; am. 2001, ch. 247, sec. 10, p. 898.]

**54-1236. Exclusive jurisdiction of the state -- Restriction on requirement for additional licenses or fees.** (1) Only the board of registration of professional engineers and professional land surveyors of the state of Idaho is authorized and empowered to issue licenses to persons to practice the profession of engineering or land surveying.

(2) No local jurisdiction shall have the authority to require additional licensure or to require payment of any fees in order for any professional engineer or professional land surveyor to engage in the practice of the profession for which the board has issued a license. [54-1236, added 2004, ch. 84, sec. 5, p. 319.]

**TITLE 50**  
**MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS**  
**CHAPTER 13**  
**PLATS AND VACATIONS**

**50-1301. Definitions.** The following definitions shall apply to terms used in sections 50-1301 through 50-1334, Idaho Code.

1. Easement: A right of use, falling short of ownership, and usually for a certain stated purpose;

2. Functioning street department: A city department responsible for the maintenance, construction, repair, snow removal, sanding and traffic control of a public highway or public street system which qualifies such department to receive funds from the highway distribution account to local units of government pursuant to section 40-709, Idaho Code;

3. Idaho coordinate system: That system of coordinates established and designated by chapter 17, title 55, Idaho Code;

4. Monument: A physical structure or object that occupies the position of a corner;

5. Owner: The proprietor of the land, (having legal title);

6. Plat: The drawing, map or plan of a subdivision, cemetery, townsite or other tract of land, or a replatting of such, including certifications, descriptions and approvals;

7. Private road: A road within a subdivision plat that is not dedicated to the public and not a part of a public highway system;

8. Public highway agency: The state transportation department, any city, county, highway district or other public agency with jurisdiction over public highway systems and public rights-of-way;

9. Public land survey corner: Any point actually established and monumented in an original survey or resurvey that determines the boundaries of remaining public lands, or public lands patented, represented on an official plat and in the field notes thereof, accepted and approved under authority delegated by congress to the U.S. general land office and the U.S. department of interior, bureau of land management;

10. Public right-of-way: Any land dedicated and open to the public and under the jurisdiction of a public highway agency, where the public highway agency has no obligation to construct or maintain said right-of-way for vehicular traffic;

11. Public street: A road, thoroughfare, alley, highway or bridge under the jurisdiction of a public highway agency;

12. Reference monument: A special monument that does not occupy the same geographical position as the corner itself, but whose spatial relationship to the corner is known and recorded, and which serves to witness the corner;

13. Sanitary restriction: The requirement that no building or shelter which will require a water supply facility or a sewage disposal facility for people using the premises where such building or shelter is located shall be erected until written approval is first obtained from the state board of health [and welfare] by its administrator or his delegate approving plans and specifications either for public water and/or sewage facilities, or individual parcel water and/or sewage facilities;

14. Street: A road, thoroughfare, alley, highway or a right-of-way which may be open for public use but is not part of a public highway system nor under the jurisdiction of a public highway agency;

15. Subdivision: A tract of land divided into five (5) or more lots, parcels, or sites for the purpose of sale or building development, whether immediate or future; provided that this definition shall not include a bona fide division or partition of agricultural land for agricultural

purposes. A bona fide division or partition of agricultural land for agricultural purposes shall mean the division of land into lots, all of which are five (5) acres or larger, and maintained as agricultural lands. Cities or counties may adopt their own definition of subdivision in lieu of the above definition;

16. Witness corner: A monumented point usually on a lot line or boundary line of a survey, near a corner and established in situations where it is impracticable to occupy or monument the corner. [50-1301, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 219, p. 1249; am. 1970, ch. 184, sec. 1, p. 533; am. 1971, ch. 329, sec. 1, p. 1294; am. 1988, ch. 175, sec. 1, p. 306; am. 1990, ch. 170, sec. 1, p. 367; am. 1992, ch. 262, sec. 1, p. 778; am. 1994, ch. 364, sec. 4, p. 1141; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 1, p. 518; am. 1998, ch. 220, sec. 1, p. 753; am. 1999, ch. 89, sec. 1, p. 290.]

**50-1302. Duty to file.** Every owner creating a subdivision, as defined above, shall cause the same to be surveyed and a plat made thereof which shall particularly and accurately describe and set forth all the streets, easements, public grounds, blocks, lots, and other essential information, and shall record said plat. This section is not intended to prevent the filing of other survey maps or plats. Description of lots or parcels of land, according to the number and designation on such recorded plat, in conveyances or for the purposes of taxation, shall be deemed good and valid for all intents and purposes. [50-1302, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 220, p. 1249; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 2, p. 519.]

**50-1303. Survey -- Stakes and monuments -- Accuracy.** The centerline intersections and points where the centerline changes direction on all streets, avenues, and public highways and all points, witness corners and reference monuments on the exterior boundary where the boundary line changes direction shall be marked with monuments either of concrete, galvanized iron pipe, aluminum pipe, iron or steel rods or other suitable monument approved by the county surveyor; if concrete be used they shall not be less than six (6) inches by six (6) inches by twenty-four (24) inches or in the case of public highways the size of a state standard right-of-way monument, and be magnetically detectable; if galvanized iron pipe be used they shall not be less than one (1) inch in diameter and thirty (30) inches long; if aluminum pipe be used they shall not be less than one (1) inch in diameter and thirty (30) inches long, and be magnetically detectable; and if iron or steel rods be used they shall not be less than five-eighths (5/8) of an inch in least dimension and thirty (30) inches long. Points shall be plainly and permanently marked upon monuments so that measurements may be taken to them to within one-tenth (1/10) of a foot. All lot corners, witness corners, and reference monuments for lot corners shall be marked with monuments of either galvanized iron pipe, not less than one-half (1/2) inch in diameter, or iron or steel rods, not less than one-half (1/2) inch in least dimension and two (2) feet long or other suitable monument approved by the county surveyor. All monuments set shall be magnetically detectable and shall be permanently marked with the registration number of the professional land surveyor in responsible charge. All lot corners of a burial lot within a platted cemetery need not be marked with a monument, but the block corners shall be placed within the cemetery in accordance with sound surveying principles and practice, and at locations that will permit the accurate identification of each burial lot within the cemetery. The monuments shall be of either galvanized iron pipe or iron or steel rods or bars not less than one-half (1/2) inch in least dimension and two (2) feet long with marked cap; or caps not less than one (1) inch in diameter. The locations and descriptions of all monuments within a platted cemetery shall be carefully recorded upon the plat, and the proper courses and distances of all boundary lines shall be shown, but may be shown by appropriate legend. The survey for any plat shall be conducted in such a manner to produce an unadjusted mathematical error of closure of not less than one (1) part in

five thousand (5,000). [50-1303, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 221, p. 1249; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 3, p. 519; am. 1998, ch. 220, sec. 2, p. 754.]

**50-1304. Essentials of plats.** All plats offered for record in any county shall be prepared in black opaque image upon stable base drafting film with a minimum base thickness of 0.003 inches, by either a photographic process using a silver image emulsion or by use of a black opaque drafting film ink, by mechanical or handwritten means. The drafting film and image thereon shall be waterproof, tear resistant, flexible, and capable of withstanding repeated handling, as well as providing archival permanence. If ink is used on drafting film, the ink surface shall be coated with a suitable substance to assure permanent legibility. The drafting film must be of a type which can be reproduced by either a photographic or diazo process. Plats shall be eighteen (18) inches by twenty-seven (27) inches in size, with a three and one-half (3 1/2) inch margin at the left end for binding and a one-half (1/2) inch margin on all other edges. No part of the drawing or certificates shall encroach upon the margins. Signatures shall be in reproducible black ink. The sheet or sheets which contain the drawing or diagram representing the survey of the subdivision shall be drawn at a scale suitable to insure the clarity of all lines, bearings and dimensions. In the event that any subdivision is of such magnitude that the drawing or diagram cannot be placed on a single sheet, serially numbered sheets shall be prepared and match lines shall be indicated on the drawing or diagram with appropriate references to other sheets. The required dedications, acknowledgements and certifications shall appear on any of the serially numbered sheets.

The plat shall show: (a) the streets and alleys, with widths and courses clearly shown; (b) each street named; (c) all lots numbered consecutively in each block, and each block lettered or numbered, provided, however, in a platted cemetery, that each block, section, district or division and each burial lot shall be designated by number or letter or name; (d) each and all lengths of the boundaries of each lot shall be shown, provided, however, in a platted cemetery, that lengths of the boundaries of each burial lot may be shown by appropriate legend; (e) the exterior boundaries shown by distance and bearing; (f) descriptions of survey monuments; (g) point of beginning with ties to at least two (2) public land survey corner monuments in one (1) or more of the sections containing the subdivision, or in lieu of public land survey corner monuments, to two (2) monuments recognized by the county surveyor; and also, if required by the city or county governing bodies, give coordinates based on the Idaho coordinate system; (h) the easements; (i) basis of bearings; and (j) subdivision name. [50-1304, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 222, p. 1249, am. 1978, ch. 106, sec. 1, p. 218; am. 1990, ch. 170, sec. 2, p. 368; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 4, p. 520.]

**50-1305. Verification.** The county shall choose and require an Idaho professional land surveyor to check the plat and computations thereon to determine that the requirements herein are met, and said professional land surveyor shall certify such compliance on the plat. Such certification shall not relieve the professional land surveyor who prepared the plat from responsibility for the plat. For performing such service the county shall collect from the subdivider a fee as provided by local ordinance reasonably related to the cost of providing such service. [50-1305, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 223, p. 1249; am. 1979, ch. 88, sec. 1, p. 214; am. 1989, ch. 102, sec. 1, p. 235; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 5, p. 521.]

**50-1306. Extraterritorial effects of subdivision -- Property within the area of city impact -- Rights of city to comment.** All plats situate within an officially designated area of city impact as provided for in section 67-6526, Idaho Code, shall be administered in accordance with the provisions set forth in the adopted city or county zoning and subdivision ordinances having

jurisdiction. In the situation where no area of city impact has been officially adopted, the county with jurisdiction shall transmit all proposed plats situate within one (1) mile outside the limits of any incorporated city which has adopted a comprehensive plan or subdivision ordinance to said city for review and comment at least fourteen (14) days before the first official decision regarding the subdivision is to be made by the county. Items which may be considered by the city include, but are not limited to, continuity of street pattern, street widths, integrity and continuity of utility systems and drainage provisions. The city's subdivision ordinance and/or comprehensive plan shall be used as guidelines for making the comments hereby authorized. The county shall consider all comments submitted by the city. Where the one (1) mile area of impact perimeter of two (2) cities overlaps, both cities shall be notified and allowed to submit comments. [50-1306, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 224, p. 1249; am. 1979, ch. 88, sec. 2, p. 215; am. 1999, ch. 391, sec. 1, p. 1088.]

**50-1306A. Vacation of plats -- Procedure.** (1) Any person, persons, firm, association, corporation or other legally recognized form of business desiring to vacate a plat or any part thereof which is inside or within one (1) mile of the boundaries of any city must petition the city council to vacate. Such petition shall set forth particular circumstances of the requests to vacate; contain a legal description of the platted area or property to be vacated; the names of the persons affected thereby, and said petition shall be filed with the city clerk.

(2) Written notice of public hearing on said petition shall be given, by certified mail with return receipt, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of public hearing to all property owners within three hundred (300) feet of the boundaries of the area described in the petition. Such notice of public hearing shall also be published once a week for two (2) successive weeks in the official newspaper of the city, the last of which shall be not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of said hearing; provided, however, that in a proceeding as to the vacation of all or a portion of a cemetery plat where there has been no interment, or in the case of a cemetery being within three hundred (300) feet of another plat for which a vacation is sought, publication of the notice of hearing shall be the only required notice as to the property owners in the cemetery.

(3) When the procedures set forth herein have been fulfilled, the city council may grant the request to vacate with such restrictions as they deem necessary in the public interest.

(4) When the platted area lies more than one (1) mile beyond the city limits, the procedures set forth herein shall be followed with the county commissioners of the county wherein the property lies. The county commissioners shall have authority, comparable to the city council, to grant the vacation, provided, however, when the platted area lies beyond one (1) mile of the city limits, but adjacent to a platted area within one (1) mile of the city, consent of the city council of the affected city shall be necessary in granting any vacation by the county commissioners.

(5) In the case of easements granted for gas, sewer, water, telephone, cable television, power, drainage, and slope purposes, public notice of intent to vacate is not required. Vacation of these easements shall occur upon the recording of the new or amended plat, provided that all affected easement holders have been notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the proposed vacation and have agreed to the same in writing.

(6) When public streets or public rights-of-way are located within the boundary of a highway district, the highway district commissioners shall assume the authority to vacate said public streets and public rights-of-way as provided in subsection (4) of this section.

(7) All publication costs shall be at the expense of the petitioner.

(8) Public highway agencies acquiring real property within a platted subdivision for highway right-of-way purposes shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.



(9) Land exclusive of public right-of-way that has been subdivided and platted in accordance with this chapter need not be vacated in order to be replatted. [50-1306A, as added by 1971, ch. 6, sec. 1, p. 16; am. 1985, ch. 244, sec. 1, p. 575; am. 1989, ch. 247, sec. 1, p. 596; am. 1992, ch. 262, sec. 2, p. 779; am. 1994, ch. 364, sec. 5, p. 1142; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 6, p. 521; am. 1998, ch. 220, sec. 3, p. 755.]

**50-1307. Designation of townsite and addition -- Necessity of distinctiveness -- Limitations on rule.** Plats of towns, subdivisions or additions must not bear the name of any other town or addition in the same county, nor can the same word or words similar or pronounced the same, be used in making a name for said town or addition, except the words city, place, court, addition or similar words, unless the same is contiguous and laid out and platted by the same party or parties platting the addition bearing the same name, or a party files and records the written consent of the party or parties who platted the addition bearing the same name. All plats of the same name must continue the block numbers of the plat previously filed. [50-1307, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 225, p. 1249.]

**50-1308. Approvals.** (1) If a subdivision is not within the corporate limits of a city, the plat thereof shall be submitted, accepted and approved by the board of commissioners of the county in which the tract is located in the same manner and as herein provided. If the city or county has established a planning commission, then all plats must be submitted to said commission in accordance with provisions of chapter 65, title 67, Idaho Code. No plat of a subdivision requiring city approval shall be accepted for record by the county recorder unless said plat shall have first been submitted to the city and has been accepted and approved and shall have written thereon the acceptance and approval of the said city council and bear the signature of the city engineer and city clerk. No plat of a subdivision shall be accepted for record by the county recorder unless said plat has been certified, within thirty (30) days prior to recording, by the county treasurer of the county in which the tract is located. The county treasurer shall not withhold certification for any reason except for county property taxes due, but not paid, upon the property included in the proposed subdivision.

(2) Plats resulting from the exercise of any right granted under the provisions of sections 50-1314 and 63-210(2), Idaho Code, may be accepted for record and recorded by the county recorder without being certified by the county treasurer and the record of any such plat which has previously been recorded without being certified by the county treasurer shall not be invalid or defective because of not having been so certified by the county treasurer. [50-1308, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 226, p. 1249; am. 1979, ch. 286, sec. 1, p. 731; am. 1981, ch. 304, sec. 1, p. 626; am. 1981, ch. 317, sec. 1, p. 661; am. 1996, ch. 322, sec. 52, p. 1080; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 7, p. 523.]

**50-1309. Certification of plat -- Dedication of streets and alleys -- Dedication of private roads to public -- Jurisdiction over private roads.** 1. The owner or owners of the land included in said plat shall make a certificate containing the correct legal description of the land, with the statement as to their intentions to include the same in the plat, and make a dedication of all public streets and rights-of-way shown on said plat, which certificate shall be acknowledged before an officer duly authorized to take acknowledgments and shall be indorsed on the plat. The professional land surveyor making the survey shall certify the correctness of said plat and he shall place his seal, signature and date on the plat.

2. No dedication or transfer of a private road to the public can be made without the specific approval of the appropriate public highway agency accepting such private road.

3. Highway districts shall not have jurisdiction over private roads designated as such on subdivision plats and shall assume no responsibility for the design, inspection, construction, maintenance and/or repair of private roads. [50-1309, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 227, p. 1249; am. 1988, ch. 175, sec. 2, p. 307; am. 1989, ch. 102, sec. 2, p. 235; am. 1992, ch. 262, sec. 3, p. 780; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 8, p. 523.]

**50-1310. Filing and recording -- Record of plats -- Filing of copy.** All approved plats of subdivisions shall, upon the payment of the required fees, be filed by the county clerk or county recorder, and such filing with the date thereof shall be indorsed thereon. The plat or opaque copy thereof shall then be bound or filed with other plats of like character in a proper book or file designated as "Records of Plats."

At the time of filing such plat, the owner or his representative shall also file with the county clerk or county recorder one (1) copy thereof. The copy shall be upon stable base drafting film with a minimum base thickness of 0.003 inches. The image thereon shall be by a photographic process using a silver image emulsion. The copy and image thereon shall be waterproof, tear-resistant, flexible, and capable of withstanding repeated handling, as well as providing archival permanence. The original plat shall be stored for safe keeping in a reproducible condition by the county. It shall be proper for the recorder to maintain for public reference a set of counter maps that are prints of the original maps. The original maps shall be produced for comparison upon demand. Full scale copies thereof shall be made available to the public, at the cost allowed in section 31-3205, Idaho Code, by the county recorder. [50-1310, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 228, p. 1249, am. 1978, ch. 106, sec. 2, p. 219; am. 1993, ch. 343, sec. 1, p. 1282; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 9, p. 523.]

**50-1311. Indexing of plat records.** The said books of "record of plats" shall be provided in the front part thereof with indices, in which shall be duly entered in alphabetical order all maps, plats and diagrams recorded therein, and when so filed, bound and indexed, shall be the legal record of all such maps, plats, diagrams, dedication and other writings. [50-1311, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 229, p. 1249.]

**50-1312. Effect of acknowledging and recording plat.** The acknowledgment and recording of such plat is equivalent to a deed in fee simple of such portion of the premises platted as is on such plat set apart for public streets or other public use, or as is thereon dedicated to charitable, religious or educational purposes; provided, however, that in a county where a highway district exists and is in operation no such plat shall be accepted for recording by the county recorder unless the acceptance of said plat by the commissioners of the highway district is endorsed thereon in writing. [50-1312, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 230, p. 1249; am. 1978, ch. 78, sec. 1, p. 153; am. 1992, ch. 262, sec. 4, p. 781.]

**50-1313. Dedication must be accepted.** No street or alley or highway hereafter dedicated by the owner to the public shall be deemed a public street, highway or alley, or be under the use or control of said city or highway district unless the dedication shall be accepted and confirmed by the city council or by the commissioners of the highway district. An acceptance imposes no obligation or liability upon the city council or highway district until the street, highway or alley is declared to be open for public travel. [50-1313, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 231, p. 1249, am. 1978, ch. 78, sec. 2, p. 153; am. 1992, ch. 55, sec. 2, p. 161.]

**50-1314. Enforcing execution of plat -- Assessment of costs.** Whenever the owners of any tract of land have divided and sold or conveyed five (5) or more parts thereof, or invested the

public with any right therein, and have failed and neglected to execute and file a plat for record, as provided in the thirteen (13) foregoing sections of this act, the county recorder [recorder] shall notify some or all of such owners and proprietors by mail or otherwise, and demand an execution of such plat; if such owners or proprietors, whether notified or not, fail and neglect to execute and file for record said plat within thirty (30) days after the issuance of such notice, the recorder shall cause to be made a plat of such tract and any surveying necessary therefor. Said plat shall be prepared in accordance with requirements in sections 50-1301 through 50-1325, [Idaho Code,] and in addition, be signed and acknowledged by the recorder, who shall certify that he executed it by reason of the failure of the owners or proprietors named to do so, and filed for record, and, when so filed for record, shall have the same effect for all purposes as if executed, acknowledged and recorded by the owners or proprietors themselves.

A correct statement of the costs and expenses of such plat, surveying and recording, verified by oath, shall be by the recorder laid before the next session of the county board, who shall allow the same and order the same to be paid out of the county treasury, and who shall, at the same time, assess the same amount pro rata upon all several lots or parcels of said subdivided tract; said assessment shall be collected with, and in like manner as the general taxes, and shall go to the general county fund; or said board may direct suit to be brought in the name of the county before any court having jurisdiction, to recover from the said original owners or proprietors, said cost and expense of preparing and recording said plat. [50-1314, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 232, p. 1249.]

**50-1315. Existing plats validated.** None of the provisions of sections 50-1301 through 50-1325, Idaho Code, shall be construed to require replatting in any case where plats have been made and recorded in pursuance of any law heretofore in force; and all plats heretofore filed for record and not subsequently vacated are hereby declared valid, notwithstanding irregularities and omissions in manner of form of acknowledgment or certificate. Provided, however:

(1) When plats have been accepted and recorded for a period of five (5) years and said plats include public streets that were never laid out and constructed to the standards of the appropriate public highway agency, said public street may be classified as public right of way; and

(2) Public rights of way for vehicular traffic included in plats which would not conform to current highway standards of the appropriate public highway agency regarding alignments and access locations which, if developed, would result in an unsafe traffic condition, shall be modified or reconfigured in order to meet current standards before access permits to the public right of way are issued. [50-1315, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 233, p. 1249; am. 1992, ch. 262, sec. 5, p. 781; am. 1993, ch. 412, sec. 9, p. 1514.]

**50-1316. Penalty for selling unplatted lots.** Any person who shall dispose of or offer for sale any lots in any city or county until the plat thereof has been duly acknowledged and recorded, as provided in sections 50-1301 through 50-1325, shall forfeit and pay one hundred dollars (\$100) for each lot and part of a lot sold or disposed of or offered for sale. [50-1316, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 234, p. 1249.]

**50-1317. Vacation procedure in unincorporated areas and in cities not exercising their corporate functions -- Filing of petition -- Notice of hearing.** Whenever any person, persons, firm, association or corporation interested in any city which if unincorporated, or which, if incorporated, is not exercising its corporate functions, or interested in any platted and subdivided tract or acreage outside the limits of any incorporated city, may desire to vacate any lot, tract, public street, public right-of-way, private road, common, plot or any part thereof in any

such city, it shall be lawful to petition the board of county commissioners of the county where such property is located, setting forth the particular circumstances of the case, and giving a distinct description of the property to be vacated and the names of the persons to be particularly affected thereby; which petition shall be filed with the appropriate county or highway district clerk and notice of the pendency of said petition shall be given for a period of thirty (30) days by written notice thereof, containing a description of the property to be vacated, posted in three (3) public or conspicuous places in said city, and also within the limits of said platted acreage, or in the event such property is located within a county in which there is published a newspaper, as defined by law, such notice shall also be published in such newspaper, once a week for two (2) successive weeks. Provided, however, when a public street or public right-of-way is located within the boundary of a highway district, the commissioners of the highway district shall assume the authority to vacate said public street or public right-of-way. Land exclusive of public right-of-way that has been subdivided and platted in accordance with this chapter need not be vacated in order to be replatted. [50-1317, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 235, p. 1249; am. 1992, ch. 262, sec. 6, p. 781; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 10, p. 524; am. 1998, ch. 220, sec. 4, p. 756.]

**50-1318. In absence of opposition -- Grant of petition -- Restrictions.** If no opposition be made to such petition or application within the said thirty (30) day period, the board of county commissioners shall vacate the same, with such restrictions as they may deem reasonable and for the public good. [50-1318, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 236, p. 1249.]

**50-1319. In presence of opposition -- Continuance of application -- Hearing -- When petition granted.** If opposition be made thereto, such application shall be heard by the appropriate board of county commissioners or highway district commissioners at a time fixed by said board, at which time, if the objector shall consent to said vacation, or if the petitioner shall produce to the board of county commissioners the petition of two-thirds (2/3) of the property holders of lawful age in said town, or owning two-thirds (2/3) of the tracts in such platted and subdivided acreage, the said board of county commissioners may proceed to hear and determine upon said application, and may if in their opinion justice requires it, grant the prayer of the petitioner, in whole or in part. [50-1319, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 237, p. 1249; am. 1992, ch. 262, sec. 7, p. 782.]

**50-1320. Vesting of title on vacation.** The part so vacated, if it be a lot or tract, shall vest in the rightful owner, who may have the title thereof according to law; or if a public square or common, the property may vest in the proper county, or if in a city, the property shall vest in the council for the use of such city, and the proper authorities may sell the same, and make a title to the purchaser thereof, and appropriate the proceeds thereof for the benefit of said corporation or county, as the case may be; or if the same be a street, all right and title thereto shall be distributed in accordance with section 50-311. [50-1320, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 238, p. 1249.]

**50-1321. Necessity for consent of adjoining owners -- Acknowledgment and filing of consent -- Limitation on rule -- Prerequisites to order of vacation.** No vacation of a public street, public right of way or any part thereof having been duly accepted and recorded as part of a plat or subdivided tract shall take place unless the consent of the adjoining owners be obtained in writing and delivered to the public highway agency having jurisdiction over said public street or public right of way. Such public street or public right of way may, nevertheless, be vacated without such consent of the owners of the property abutting upon such public street or public right of way when such public street or public right of way has not been opened or used by the

public for a period of five (5) years and when such nonconsenting owner or owners have access to his, her or their property from some other public street, public right of way or private road. However, before such order of vacation can be entered it must appear to the satisfaction of the public highway agency that the owner or owners of the property abutting said public street or public right of way have been served with notice of the proposed abandonment in the same manner and for the same time as is now or may hereafter be provided for the service of the summons in an action at law. Any vacation of lands within one (1) mile of a city shall require notification and consent of the city. [50-1321, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 239, p. 1249; am. 1992, ch. 262, sec. 8, p. 782.]

**50-1322. Appeal from order granting or denying application to vacate.** Whenever the governing body shall grant the application, or refuse the application of any person or persons, made as provided for the vacation of any lot, tract, street, common, plat or any part thereof, an appeal may be taken from any act, order or proceeding of the board made or had pursuant to by any person aggrieved thereby within twenty (20) days after the first publication or posting of the statement as required by section 31-819, Idaho Code. Procedure upon such appeal shall be in all respects the same as prescribed in sections 31-1510, 31-1511 and 31-1515, Idaho Code. [50-1322, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 240, p. 1249.]

**50-1323. Limitation of actions to establish adverse rights or question validity of vacation.** Every action brought to establish adverse rights or interests in the affected property or to determine the invalidity of any action by which any lot, tract, street, common, plat or any part thereof has been vacated must be brought within six (6) months after the effective date of this act or within six (6) months after a certified copy of the ordinance, resolution or order of vacation has been filed for record in the office of the county recorder of the county in which the affected property is located. Any person, firm or corporation having any objection thereto may bring such action. [50-1323, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 241, p. 1249.]

**50-1324. Recording vacations.** (1) Before a vacation of a plat can be recorded, the county treasurer must certify that all taxes due are paid and such certification is recorded as part of the records of the vacation. The treasurer shall withhold the certification only when property taxes are due, but not paid.

(2) Upon payment of the appropriate fee therefor, the county recorder of each county shall index and record, in the same manner as other instruments affecting the title to real property, a certified copy of each ordinance, resolution or order by which any lot, tract, public street, public right of way, private road, easement, common, plat or any part thereof has been vacated. Such certification shall be by the officer having custody of the original document and shall certify that the copy is a full, true and correct copy of the original. [50-1324, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 242, p. 1249; am. 1992, ch. 262, sec. 9, p. 783; am. 1994, ch. 79, sec. 1, p. 181.]

**50-1325. Easements -- Vacation of.** Easements shall be vacated in the same manner as streets. [50-1325, added 1967, ch. 429, sec. 243, p. 1249.]

**50-1326. All plats to bear a sanitary restriction -- Submission of plans and specifications of water and sewage systems to state department of environmental quality -- Removal or reimposition of sanitary restriction.** For the purposes of sections 50-1326 through 50-1329, Idaho Code, any plat of a subdivision filed in accordance with chapter 13, title 50, Idaho Code, or in accordance with county ordinances adopted pursuant to chapter 38, title 31, Idaho Code, shall be subject to the sanitary restriction. There shall be placed upon the face of

every plat prior to it being recorded by the county clerk and recorder, the sanitary restriction, except such sanitary restriction may be omitted from the plat, or if it appears on the plat, may be indorsed by the county clerk and recorder as sanitary restriction satisfied, when there is recorded at the time of the filing of the plat, or at any time subsequent thereto, a duly acknowledged certificate of approval issued by the director of the department of environmental quality, for either public water and/or public sewer facilities, or individual water and/or sewage facilities for the particular land. The owner shall have the obligation of submitting to the director all information necessary concerning the proposed facilities referred to. Such certificate of approval may be issued for the subdivision or any portion thereof. Until the sanitary restrictions have been satisfied by the filing of said certificate of approval, no owner shall construct any building or shelter on said premises which necessitates the supplying of water or sewage facilities for persons using such premises. The sanitary restrictions shall be reimposed on the plat upon the issuance of a certificate of disapproval after notice to the responsible party and an opportunity to appeal, if construction is not in compliance with approved plans and specifications, or the facilities do not substantially comply with regulatory standards in effect at the time of facility construction. [50-1326, as added by 1971, ch. 329, sec. 2, p. 1294; am. 1989, ch. 233, sec. 1, p. 569; am. 2001, ch. 103, sec. 90, p. 331.]

**50-1327. Filing or recording of noncomplying map or plat prohibited.** No person shall offer for recording, or cause to be recorded, a plat not containing a sanitary restriction, unless there is submitted for record at the same time the certificate of approval from the director of the department of environmental quality as required in section 50-1326, Idaho Code. The filing and recording of a noncomplying plat shall in no way invalidate a title conveyed thereunder. [50-1327, as added by 1971, ch. 329, sec. 3, p. 1294; am. 1989, ch. 102, sec. 3, p. 236; am. 1989, ch. 233, sec. 2, p. 570; am. 2001, ch. 103, sec. 91, p. 332.]

**50-1328. Rules for the administration and enforcement of sanitary restriction.** The state board of environmental quality may adopt rules pursuant to section 39-107(8), Idaho Code, including adoption of sanitary standards necessary for administration and enforcement, pursuant to section 39-108, Idaho Code, of sections 50-1326 through 50-1329, Idaho Code. The rules and standards shall provide the basis for approving subdivision plats for various types of water and sewage facilities, both public and individual, and may be related to size of lots, contour of land, porosity of soil, ground water level, pollution of water, type of construction of water and sewage facilities, and other factors for the protection of the public health or the environment. [50-1328, as added by 1971, ch. 329, sec. 4, p. 1294; am. 1989, ch. 233, sec. 3, p. 570; am. 2001, ch. 103, sec. 92, p. 332.]

**50-1329. Violation a misdemeanor.** Any person, firm or corporation who constructs, or causes to be constructed, a building or shelter prior to the satisfaction of the sanitary restriction, or who installs or causes to be installed water and sewer facilities thereon prior to the issuance of a certificate of approval by the director of the department of environmental quality, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Each and every day that such activities are carried on in violation of this section shall constitute a separate and distinct offense. [50-1329, as added by 1971, ch. 329, sec. 5, p. 1294; am. 1989, ch. 233, sec. 4, p. 571; am. 2001, ch. 103, sec. 93, p. 332.]

**50-1330. Jurisdiction of public streets and public rights of way within a highway district.** In a county with highway districts, the highway district board of commissioners in such district shall have exclusive general supervisory authority over all public streets and public rights of way under their jurisdiction within their district, excluding public streets and public rights of

way located inside of an incorporated city that has a functioning street department, with full power to establish design standards, establish use standards and regulations in accordance with the provisions of title 49, Idaho Code, accept, create, open, widen, extend, relocate, realign, control access to or vacate said public streets and public rights of way. Provided, however, when said public street or public right of way lies within one (1) mile of a city, or the established county/city impact area or adjacent to a platted area within one (1) mile of a city or the established county/city impact area, consent of the city council of the affected city shall be necessary prior to the granting of acceptance or vacation of said public street or public right of way by the highway district board of commissioners. [50-1330, added 1983, ch. 233, sec. 1, p. 637; am. 1992, ch. 262, sec. 10, p. 783.]

**50-1331. Setting of interior monuments for a subdivision.** Interior monuments for a subdivision need not be set prior to the recording of the plat of the subdivision if the land surveyor performing the survey work certifies that the interior monuments will be set on or before a specified date as provided in subsection (1) of section 50-1333, Idaho Code, and if the person subdividing the land furnishes to the governing body of the county or city which approved the subdivision, a bond or cash deposit guaranteeing the payment of the cost of setting the interior monuments for the subdivision, as provided in section 50-1332, Idaho Code. [50-1331, added 1987, ch. 227, sec. 1, p. 482.]

**50-1332. Setting interior monuments after recording of plat -- Bond or cash deposit required -- Release of bond -- Return of cash deposit -- Payment for survey work -- County surveyor performing survey work.** (1) If the interior monuments for a subdivision are to be set on or before a specified date after the recording of the plat of the subdivision, the person subdividing the land described in the plat shall furnish, prior to recording the plat, to the governing body of the city or county which approved the plat, either a bond or cash deposit, at the option of the governing body, in an amount equal to one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the estimated cost of performing the work for the interior monumentation. The estimated cost of performing such work will be determined by the surveyor signing the plat.

(2) If the person subdividing the land described in subsection (1) of this section pays the surveyor for performing the interior monumentation work and notifies the governing body of such payment, the governing body, within two (2) months after such notice, shall release the bond or return the cash deposit upon a finding that such payment has been made. Upon written request from the person subdividing the land, the governing body may pay the surveyor from moneys within a cash deposit or bond held by it for such purpose and return the excess amount of the cash deposit, if any, to such person.

(3) In the event of the death, disability, or retirement from practice of the surveyor charged with the responsibility for setting interior monuments for a subdivision or upon the failure of such professional land surveyor to set such monuments, the governing body may direct the county surveyor in his official capacity or contract with a professional land surveyor in private practice to set such monuments and reference such monuments for recording as provided in section 50-1333, Idaho Code. Payment of the fees of a county surveyor or professional land surveyor in private practice performing such work shall be made as otherwise provided in this section.

(4) In the event any interior monument cannot be placed at the location shown on the plat, the professional land surveyor shall place a witness corner or reference monument and he shall file a record of survey as provided in chapter 19, title 55, Idaho Code, to show the location of any witness corner or reference monument in relation to the platted location of the corner.

[50-1332, added 1987, ch. 227, sec. 1, p. 482; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 11, p. 525; am. 1998, ch. 220, sec. 5, p. 757.]

**50-1333. Recording of plats with only exterior monuments referenced.** (1) If the person subdividing any land has complied with subsection (1) of section 50-1332, Idaho Code, the professional land surveyor may prepare the plat of the subdivision for recording with only the exterior monuments set thereon when submitted for recording. There shall be a certification on the plat by the professional land surveyor that the interior monuments for the subdivision will be set in accordance with section 50-1303, Idaho Code, on or before a specified date and the said interior monuments will be referenced on the plat with a unique symbol. The time for setting the interior monuments shall not exceed one (1) calendar year from the date the plat is recorded or as determined by the governing body of such city or county.

(2) After the interior monuments for a subdivision have been set as provided in the certification required on the plat in subsection (1) of this section, the professional land surveyor performing such work shall, within five (5) days after completion of such work, give written notice to the person subdividing the land involved, the surveyor or engineer of the city or county by which the subdivision was approved and the governing body of such city or county.

(3) In the event that the person subdividing the land involved fails or refuses to authorize the payment for interior monumentation, the professional land surveyor may request payment from the governing body, and upon inspection by the governing body of the interior monumentation, the governing body shall pay the professional land surveyor from moneys held. [50-1333, added 1987, ch. 227, sec. 1, p. 483; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 12, p. 525.]

**50-1334. Review of water systems encompassed by plats.** Whenever any plat is subject to the terms and requirements of sections 50-1326 through 50-1329, Idaho Code, no person shall offer for recording, or cause to be recorded, a plat unless he or she shall have certified that at least one (1) of the following is the case:

(1) The individual lots described in the plat will not be served by any water system common to one (1) or more of the lots, but will be served by individual wells.

(2) All of the lots in the plat will be eligible to receive water service from an existing water system, be the water system municipal, a water district, a public utility subject to the regulation of the Idaho public utilities commission, or a mutual or nonprofit water company, and the existing water distribution system has agreed in writing to serve all of the lots in the subdivision.

(3) If a new water system will come into being to serve the subdivision, that it has or will have sufficient contributed capital to allow the water system's wells, springboxes, reservoirs and mains to be constructed to provide service without further connection charges or fees to the landowners of the lots, except for connection of laterals, meters or other plant exclusively for the lot owner's own use.

Failure to comply with this section is a misdemeanor subject to the provisions of section 50-1329, Idaho Code. The certification must be filed or recorded as part of the plat document preserved for public inspection. Property owners in the area encompassed by the plat will be entitled to the benefits of the third provision of this section when that option is chosen. [50-1334, added 1990, ch. 178, sec. 1, p. 377.]



**TITLE 55**  
**PROPERTY IN GENERAL**  
**CHAPTER 16**  
**CORNER PERPETUATION AND FILING**

**55-1601. Short title.** This chapter may be cited as the "Corner Perpetuation and Filing Law." [55-1601, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 1, p. 647; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 1, p. 564.]

**55-1602. Declaration of policy.** It is the purpose of this chapter to protect and perpetuate public land survey corners and information concerning the location of such corners by requiring the systematic establishment of monuments and filing of information concerning the marking of the location of such public land survey corners and to allow the systematic location of other property corners, thereby providing for property security and a coherent system of property location and identification; and thereby eliminating the repeated necessity for reestablishment and relocations of such corners once they are established and located. [55-1602, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 2, p. 647; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 2, p. 564.]

**55-1603. Definitions.** Except where the context indicates a different meaning, terms used in this chapter shall be defined as follows:

(1) An "accessory to a corner" is any exclusively identifiable physical object whose spatial relationship to the corner is recorded. Accessories may be bearing trees, bearing objects, monuments, reference monuments, line trees, pits, mounds, charcoal-filled bottles, steel or wooden stakes, or other objects.

(2) "Adequate evidence of the existence of a land survey monument" means the visual presence of the monument or existence of a federal general land office or bureau of land management plat on which the monument appears, or a recorded corner perpetuation and filing form as provided in this chapter, or a record of survey filed in accordance with chapter 19, title 55, Idaho Code, on which the monument appears, or a subdivision plat filed in accordance with chapter 13, title 50, Idaho Code, on which the monument appears.

(3) The "board" is the board of registration of professional engineers and professional land surveyors.

(4) A "corner," unless otherwise defined, means a property corner, or a property controlling corner, or a public land survey corner, or any combination of these.

(5) "Establish" means to determine the position of a corner either physically or mathematically.

(6) A "monument" is a physical structure that occupies the exact position of a corner.

(7) A "professional land surveyor" means any person who is authorized by the laws of this state to practice land surveying.

(8) A "property controlling corner" for a property is a public land survey corner, or any property corner, which does not lie on a property line of the property in question, but which controls the location of one or more of the property corners of the property in question.

(9) A "property corner" is a geographic point on the surface of the earth, and is on, a part of, and controls a property line.

(10) A "public land survey corner" is any point actually established and monumented in an original survey or resurvey that determines the boundaries of remaining public lands, or public lands patented, represented on an official plat and in the field notes thereof, accepted and approved under authority delegated by congress to the U.S. general land office and the U.S. department of interior, bureau of land management.

(11) A "reference monument" is a special monument that does not occupy the same geographical position as the corner itself, but whose spatial relationship to the corner is recorded, and which serves to witness the corner. [55-1603, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 3, p. 647; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 3, p. 565; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 13, p. 526.]

**55-1604. Filing requirements.** A professional land surveyor shall complete, sign, and file with the county clerk and recorder of the county where the corner is situated, a written record of the establishment or restoration of a corner. This record shall be known as a "corner record" and such a filing shall be made for every public land survey corner and accessory to such corner which is established, reestablished, monumented, remonumented, restored, rehabilitated, perpetuated or used as control in any survey. The survey information shall be filed within ninety (90) days after the survey is completed, unless the corner and its accessories are substantially as described in an existing corner record filed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

In lieu of filing as heretofore provided, corner records may be recorded by photographic process in those counties which have such facilities. [55-1604, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 4, p. 647; am. 1972, ch. 162, sec. 1, p. 363; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 4, p. 565.]

**55-1605. Filing or recording.** A professional land surveyor may file or record any corner record as to any property corner, property controlling corner, reference monument or accessory to a corner. [55-1605, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 5, p. 647; am. 1972, ch. 162, sec. 2, p. 363; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 5, p. 566.]

**55-1606. Filing or recording information.** The board shall, by regulation, provide and prescribe the information which shall be necessary to be included in the corner record and the board shall prescribe the form in which such corner record shall be presented and filed or recorded. [55-1606, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 6, p. 647; am. 1972, ch. 162, sec. 3, p. 363.]

**55-1607. County clerk to keep record -- Fees.** (a) The county clerk and recorder of the county containing the corner shall receive the completed corner record and preserve it in the same manner as any other recorded instruments. Proper indexes shall be kept of such corner records by section, township and range.

(b) The county clerk and recorder shall make these records available for public inspection during all usual office hours.

(c) For purposes of determining the filing fee hereunder, the corner record shall be considered as a similar service to the filing or recording of instruments as provided in section 31-3205, Idaho Code. However, all corners, monuments and their accessories established prior to the effective date of this chapter, for which a written record is completed as required herein, and which are offered for filing or recording within six (6) months of the effective date of this chapter, shall be accepted and filed by the county clerk without requiring the payment of fees therefor. [55-1607, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 7, p. 647; am. 1972, ch. 162, sec. 4, p. 363; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 6, p. 566; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 14, p. 527.]

**55-1608. Professional land surveyor to reconstruct monuments.** In every case where a corner record of a survey corner is required to be filed or recorded under the provisions of this chapter, the professional land surveyor must reconstruct or rehabilitate the monument of such corner, and accessories to such corner, so that it will be as permanent a monument as is reasonably possible to provide and so that it may be located with facility at any time in the future.

Any monument set shall be permanently marked or tagged with the certificate number of the professional land surveyor in responsible charge. If the monument is set by a public officer, it

shall be marked by an appropriate official designation. [55-1608, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 8, p. 647; am. 1972, ch. 162, sec. 5, p. 363, am. 1978, ch. 107, sec. 2, p. 224; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 7, p. 566.]

**55-1609. To be signed by professional land surveyor or government agent.** No corner record shall be filed or recorded unless the same is signed by a professional land surveyor as defined herein, or, in the case of an agency of the United States government, the certificate may be signed by the survey party chief making the survey. [55-1609, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 9, p. 647; am. 1972, ch. 162, sec. 6, p. 363; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 8, p. 567.]

**55-1611. Federal government filings without fees.** All federal government surveys performed by authorized personnel of agencies of the federal government shall not be subject to the provisions of this chapter, except that federal agencies may comply with the provisions of the chapter, and shall be exempt from filing fees required in section 55-1607(c), Idaho Code. [55-1611, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 11, p. 647; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 10, p. 567.]

**55-1612. Penalty.** Professional land surveyors failing to comply with the provisions hereof and professional engineers who prepare plans which do not indicate the presence of corners for which adequate evidence exists shall be deemed to be within the purview of section 54-1220, Idaho Code, and shall be subject to disciplinary action as in said section provided. Any person shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in section 54-1234, Idaho Code, if they prepare plans for the construction of any facility and construction of that facility results in the defacing, injury or removal of a monument, if the plans they prepare do not indicate the presence of a corner or corners for which adequate evidence exists. [55-1612, added 1967, ch. 215, sec. 12, p. 647; am. 1989, ch. 103, sec. 1, p. 236; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 11, p. 567; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 15, p. 528.]

**55-1613. Monuments disturbed by construction activities -- Procedure -- Requirements.** When adequate evidence exists as to the location of a public land survey corner, subdivision, tract, property, or other land corners, such monuments shall be referenced by or under the direction of a professional land surveyor prior to the time when construction or other activities may disturb them. Such corners shall be reestablished and remonumented by a professional land surveyor at the expense of the agency or person causing the loss or disturbance of monuments. Professional engineers who prepare plans which do not indicate the presence of corners for which adequate evidence exists shall be deemed to be within the purview of section 54-1220, Idaho Code, and shall be subject to disciplinary action as provided in said section. Any person shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in section 54-1234, Idaho Code, if they prepare plans for the construction of any facility and construction of that facility results in the defacing, injury or removal of a monument, if the plans they prepare do not indicate the presence of a corner or corners for which adequate evidence exists. [55-1613, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 3, p. 224; am. 1993, ch. 206, sec. 12, p. 567; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 16, p. 528.]

**IDAPA 10  
TITLE 01  
CHAPTER 03**

**RULES FOR CORNER PERPETUATION AND FILING**

**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

As required in Section 55-1606, Idaho Code, the Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors hereby establishes these rules for land survey corner perpetuation and filing. (7-1-93)

**001. TITLE AND SCOPE.**

**01. Title.** These rules shall be cited in full as Idaho Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors, IDAPA 10.01.03, "Rules for Corner Perpetuation and Filing". (7-1-93)

**02. Scope.** These rules include criteria for properly completing corner perpetuation and filing forms as required in Section 55-1604, Idaho Code. (7-1-93)

**002. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.**

Persons desiring to contest the actions taken in accordance with these rules shall seek administrative relief under the Attorney General's Rules, IDAPA 04.11.01, "Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General". (4-22-94)

**003. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.**

In accordance with Section 67-5201(19)(b)(iv), Idaho Code, this agency does not have any written interpretations of the rules of this chapter. (7-1-93)

**004. DEFINITIONS.**

Definitions of words and terms contained in these rules shall be the same as those set forth in Section 55-1603, Idaho Code. (7-1-93)

**005. FORM.**

The form to be used in filing corner perpetuations in the state of Idaho shall be substantially the same as that form available from the Idaho Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors, 600 S. Orchard, Suite A, Boise, Idaho 83705-1242. Clear spaces on the form may be provided as requested and required by County Recorders in order to place recording information in an unobstructed area. The form is not available in quantity from the Board, but one (1) copy will be furnished, upon request, and it may be duplicated or reproduced. (3-30-01)

**006. COMPLETION OF FORM.**

Prior to filing of the form, the professional land surveyor performing the work shall complete the form in compliance with the requirements set forth in these rules. (7-1-93)

**007. RECORD OF ORIGINAL CORNER.**

Information provided in this section shall include the name of the original surveyor and the date

or dates on which the original survey was performed and a description of the original monument set. (7-1-93)

**008. DESCRIPTION OF CORNER EVIDENCE FOUND.**

Information provided in this section shall include a description of any evidence found relating to the original corner. If no evidence is found, the same shall be indicated on the form. (7-1-93)

**009. DESCRIPTION OF MONUMENT AND ACCESSORIES ESTABLISHED TO PERPETUATE THE LOCATION OF THIS CORNER.**

Information provided in this section shall include a description of the monument and accessories placed in the current survey as well as the date the work was performed and the true or assumed magnetic declination at the time of the survey of magnetic bearings are used. (7-1-93)

**010. SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE.**

The surveyor shall print his name, the license number issued by the Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors, and the name of the employer for whom the surveyor is working. (7-1-93)

**011. SEAL, SIGNATURE, DATE.**

The surveyor shall place an imprint of his professional land surveyor seal, sign it and date it. (7-1-93)

**012. MARKS ON MONUMENT SET.**

The surveyor shall provide a sketch of the marks placed on the monument, if applicable. (7-1-93)

**013. DIAGRAM.**

The surveyor shall clearly mark on the section diagram the location of the monument being established or reestablished in the survey. (7-1-93)

**014. LOCATION.**

The surveyor shall state the county, section, township, range and the monument location being established or reestablished in the survey. (7-1-93)

**015. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT COMPLIANCE.**

The records associated with the Board are subject to the provisions of the Idaho Public Records Act, Title 9, Chapter 1, Idaho Code. (7-1-93)

**016. -- 999. (RESERVED).**

**TITLE 55**  
**PROPERTY IN GENERAL**  
**CHAPTER 17**  
**COORDINATE SYSTEM OF LAND DESCRIPTION**

**55-1701. Establishing coordinate system -- Designating zones.** The system of plane coordinates which has been established by the national ocean service/national geodetic survey, formerly the United States coast and geodetic survey, or its successors, for defining and stating the positions or locations of points on the surface of the earth within the state of Idaho is to be known and designated as the "Idaho coordinate system of 1983" and the "Idaho coordinate system of 1927." "The Idaho coordinate system of 1927" may be used through December 31, 1995. On and after January 1, 1996, only the "Idaho coordinate system of 1983" shall be used.

For the purpose of the use of this system the state is divided into an "east zone," a "central zone," and a "west zone."

The area now included in the following counties shall constitute the East Zone: Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Bonneville, Caribou, Clark, Franklin, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Oneida, Power and Teton.

The area now included in the following counties shall constitute the Central Zone: Blaine, Butte, Camas, Cassia, Custer, Gooding, Jerome, Lemhi, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls.

The area now included in the following counties shall constitute the West Zone: Ada, Adams, Benewah, Boise, Bonner, Boundary, Canyon, Clearwater, Elmore, Gem, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce, Owyhee, Payette, Shoshone, Valley and Washington. [55-1701, added 1967, ch. 275, sec. 1, p. 771; am. 1995, ch. 70, sec. 1, p. 179.]

**55-1702. Zone references.** As established for use in the east zone, the Idaho coordinate system of 1927 or the Idaho coordinate system of 1983 shall be named, and in any land description in which it is used it shall be designated the "Idaho coordinate system of 1927, east zone" or "Idaho coordinate system of 1983, east zone."

As established for use in the central zone, the Idaho coordinate system of 1927 or the Idaho coordinate system of 1983 shall be named, and in any land description in which it is used it shall be designated the "Idaho coordinate system of 1927, central zone" or "Idaho coordinate system of 1983, central zone."

As established for use in the west zone, the Idaho coordinate system of 1927 or the Idaho coordinate system of 1983 shall be named, and in any land description in which it is used it shall be designated the "Idaho coordinate system of 1927, west zone" or "Idaho coordinate system of 1983, west zone." For limitations on the use of the coordinate systems of 1927 and 1983, see section 55-1710 [55-1701], Idaho Code. [55-1702, added 1967, ch. 275, sec. 2, p. 771; am. 1995, ch. 70, sec. 2, p. 179.]

**55-1703. Plane coordinates.** The plane coordinates of a point on the earth's surface, to be used in expressing the position or location of such point in the appropriate zone of this system, shall consist of two (2) distances, expressed in United States survey feet and decimals of a foot when using the Idaho coordinate system of 1927 and expressed in meters and decimals of a meter when using the Idaho coordinate system of 1983. For state plane coordinate system 27 (SPCS 27), one (1) of these distances, to be known as the "x-coordinate," shall give the position in an east-and-west direction; the other, to be known as the "y-coordinate," shall give the position in a north-and-south direction. For state plane coordinate system 83 (SPCS 83), one (1) of these distances, to be known as "northing" or "N" shall give the position in a north-and-south direction;

the other, to be known as the "easting" or "E" shall give the position in an east-and-west direction. These coordinates shall be made to depend upon and conform to the plane rectangular coordinate values for the monumented points of the North American national geodetic horizontal network as published by the national ocean service/national geodetic survey or its successors, and such plane coordinates shall have been computed on the systems defined in this chapter. Any such station may be used for establishing a survey connection to either the Idaho coordinate system of 1927 or the Idaho coordinate system of 1983, and after December 31, 1995, only to the Idaho coordinate system of 1983. [55-1703, added 1967, ch. 275, sec. 3, p. 771; am. 1995, ch. 70, sec. 3, p. 180.]

**55-1704. Tracts extending into two zones.** When any tract of land to be defined by a single description extends from one into another of the above coordinate zones, the position of all points on its boundaries may be referred to either of such zones, the zone which is used being specifically named in the description. [55-1704, added 1967, ch. 275, sec. 4, p. 771.]

**55-1705. Adoption of national ocean service/national geodetic survey definition.** (1) For the purpose of more precisely defining the Idaho coordinate system of 1927, the following definition by the national ocean service/national geodetic survey is adopted:

The Idaho coordinate system of 1927, east zone, is a transverse mercator projection of the Clarke spheroid of 1866 having a central meridian 112°10' west of Greenwich, which meridian has a reduced scale of one part in 19,000. The origin of coordinates is at the intersection of the meridian 112°10' west of Greenwich and the parallel 41°40' north latitude. This origin is given the coordinates: x=500,000 feet and y=0 feet.

The Idaho coordinate system of 1927, central zone, is a transverse mercator projection of the Clarke spheroid of 1866, having a central meridian 114°00' west of Greenwich which meridian has a reduced scale of one part in 19,000. The origin of coordinates is at the intersection of the meridian 114°00' west of Greenwich and the parallel 41°40' north latitude. This origin is given the coordinates: x=500,000 feet and y=0 feet.

The position of the Idaho coordinate system of 1927, west zone, is a transverse mercator projection of the Clarke spheroid of 1866, having a central meridian 115°45' west of Greenwich, which meridian has a reduced scale of one part in 15,000. The origin of coordinates is at the intersection of the meridian 115°45' west of Greenwich and the parallel 41°40' north latitude. This origin is given the coordinates: x=500,000 feet and y=0 feet.

(2) For the purpose of more precisely defining the Idaho coordinate system of 1983, the following definition by the national ocean service/national geodetic survey is adopted:

The Idaho coordinate system of 1983, east zone, is a transverse mercator projection of the North American datum of 1983 based on the geodetic reference system of 1980 (GRS 80), having a central meridian 112°10' west of Greenwich, which meridian has a reduced scale of one part in 19,000. The origin of coordinates is at the intersection of the meridian 112°10' west of Greenwich and the parallel 41°40' north latitude. This origin is given the coordinates: N=0 meters and E=200,000 meters.

The Idaho coordinate system of 1983, central zone, is a transverse mercator projection of the North American datum of 1983 based on the geodetic reference system of 1980 (GRS 80), having a central meridian 114°00' west of Greenwich, which meridian has a reduced scale of one part in 19,000. The origin of coordinates is at the intersection of the meridian 114°00' west of Greenwich and the parallel 41°40' north latitude. This origin is given the coordinates: N=0 meters and E=500,000 meters.

The Idaho coordinate system of 1983, west zone, is a transverse mercator projection of the North American datum of 1983 based on the geodetic reference system of 1980 (GRS 80),

having a central meridian 115°45' west of Greenwich, which meridian has a reduced scale of one part in 15,000. The origin of coordinates is at the intersection of the meridian 115°45' west of Greenwich and the parallel 41°40' north latitude. This origin is given the coordinates: N=0 meters and E=800,000 meters.

(3) The position of the Idaho coordinate system shall be as marked on the ground by triangulation, traverse and global positioning satellite system stations established in conformity with the standards adopted by the national ocean service/national geodetic survey for A-order, B-order, first-order and second-order work, whose geodetic positions have been rigidly adjusted on the North American datum of 1927 and further refined on the North American datum of 1983, and whose coordinates have been computed on the system herein defined. Any such station may be used for establishing a survey connection with either the Idaho coordinate system of 1927 or the Idaho coordinate system of 1983, and after December 31, 1995, only to the Idaho coordinate system of 1983. [55-1705, added 1967, ch. 275, sec. 5, p. 771; am. 1995, ch. 70, sec. 4, p. 180.]

**55-1706. Five kilometer triangulation limitation.** No coordinates based on the Idaho coordinate system, purporting to define the position of a point on a land boundary, shall be presented to be recorded in any public land records or deed records unless such coordinates have been established in conformity with the nationally prescribed standards for third-order, class II horizontal control surveys, and provided that these surveys have been tied to or originated off monumented A-order, B-order, first-order or second-order horizontal control stations which are adjusted to and published in the national network of geodetic control and are within five (5) kilometers of the said boundary points or land corners. The prescribed standards of accuracy for A-order, B-order, first-order or second-order geodetic surveying are prepared and published by the federal geodetic control committee (FGCC) of the United States department of commerce. Standards and specifications of the FGCC or its successor in force on date of said survey shall apply. Publishing existing control stations, or the acceptance with intent to publish the newly established stations, by the national ocean service/national geodetic survey shall constitute evidence of adherence to the FGCC specifications. Limitations specified in this section may be modified by a duly authorized state agency to meet local conditions. [55-1706, added 1967, ch. 275, sec. 6, p. 771; am. 1995, ch. 70, sec. 5, p. 181.]

**55-1707. Use of term.** The use of the term “Idaho coordinate system of 1927, east, central, west zone” or “Idaho coordinate system of 1983 east, central, west zone” on any map, report or survey, or other document, shall be limited to coordinates based on the Idaho coordinate system as defined in this chapter. [55-1707, added 1967, ch. 275, sec. 7, p. 771; am. 1995, ch. 70, sec. 6, p. 182.]

**55-1708. Coordinate descriptions supplemental.** Whenever coordinates based on the Idaho coordinate system are used to describe any tract of land which in the same document is also described by reference to any subdivision, line or corner of the United States public land surveys, the description by coordinates shall be construed as supplemental to the basic description of such subdivision, line or corner contained in the official plats and field notes filed of record, and in the event of any conflict the description by reference to the subdivision, line or corner of the United States public land surveys shall prevail over the description by coordinates unless said coordinates are upheld by adjudication, at which time the coordinate description shall prevail. Every recorded map, survey or conveyance or other instrument affecting title to real property which delineates, describes or refers to such property or any part thereof by reference to coordinates based upon the designated Idaho coordinate system shall also describe the property by reference and tie to either section corner or quarter corner monuments of the United States



public land surveys. [55-1708, added 1967, ch. 275, sec. 8, p. 771; am. 1995, ch. 70, sec. 7, p. 182.]

**55-1709. Description by coordinate not mandatory.** Nothing contained in this chapter shall require any purchaser or mortgagee of real property to rely wholly on a land description, any part of which depends exclusively upon the designated Idaho coordinate system. [55-1709, added 1967, ch. 275, sec. 9, p. 771; am. 1995, ch. 70, sec. 8, p. 183.]

**TITLE 55**  
**PROPERTY IN GENERAL**  
**CHAPTER 19**  
**RECORDING OF SURVEYS**

**55-1901. Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to provide a method for preserving evidence of land surveys by providing for a public record of surveys. The provisions shall be deemed supplementary to existing laws relating to surveys, subdivisions, platting and boundaries. [55-1901, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 1, p. 221.]

**55-1902. Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

(1) "Basis of bearing" means the bearing in degrees, minutes and seconds, or equivalent, of a line between two (2) monuments or corners which serves as the reference bearing for all other lines on the survey.

(2) "Corner" unless otherwise defined, means a property corner, or a property controlling corner, or a public land survey corner, or any combination of these.

(3) "GPS" is the abbreviation for global positioning system which is satellite surveying based on observations of the electromagnetic signals broadcast from the U.S. department of defense's NAVSTAR GPS system.

(4) "Idaho coordinate system" shall mean that system of plane coordinates as established and designated by chapter 17, title 55, Idaho Code.

(5) "Monument" is a physical structure or object that occupies the exact position of a corner.

(6) "Property controlling corner" for a property is a public land survey corner, or any property corner, which does not lie on a property line of the property in question, but which controls the location of one (1) or more of the property corners of the property in question.

(7) "Property corner" is a geographic point on the surface of the earth, and is on, a part of, and controls a property.

(8) "Public land survey corner" is any point actually established and monumented in an original survey or resurvey that determines the boundaries of remaining public lands, or public lands patented, represented on an official plat and in the field notes thereof, accepted and approved under authority delegated by congress to the U.S. general land office and the U.S. department of interior, bureau of land management.

(9) "Survey" shall mean the locating and monumenting of points of lines which define the exterior boundary or boundaries common to two (2) or more ownerships, except those boundaries defining ownership in established and ongoing mineral extraction operations; or which reestablish or restore public land survey corners in accordance with established principles of land surveying by or under the supervision of a surveyor.

(10) "Surveyor" shall mean every person authorized by the state of Idaho to practice the profession of land surveying. [55-1902, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 1, p. 221; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 17, p. 529; am. 2004, ch. 83, sec. 1, p. 311.]

**55-1903. Compliance with chapter required.** Any surveyor legally engaged in the practice of land surveying shall comply with the provisions of this chapter. [55-1903, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 1, p. 222.]

**55-1904. Records of survey -- When filing required.** After making a survey in conformity with established principles of land surveying, a surveyor shall file a record of survey

with the county recorder in the county or counties wherein the lands surveyed are situated. A record of survey shall be filed within ninety (90) days after completing any survey which:

- (1) Discloses a material discrepancy with previous surveys of record;
- (2) Establishes boundary lines and/or corners not previously existing or of record;
- (3) Results in the setting of monuments at corners of record which were not previously monumented; or
- (4) Produces evidence or information which varies from, or is not contained in, surveys of record relating to the public land survey, lost public land corners or obliterated land survey corners. [55-1904, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 1, p. 222; am. 2006, ch. 136, sec. 1, p. 391.]

**55-1905. Records of survey -- Filing.** The records of survey to be filed under authority of this chapter shall be processed as follows:

(1) The record of survey shall be a map, prepared in black opaque image upon stable base drafting film with a minimum base thickness of .003 inches by either a photographic process using a silver image emulsion or by use of black opaque drafting film ink, by mechanical or handwritten means. The drafting film and image thereon shall be waterproof, tear resistant, flexible and capable of withstanding repeated handling, as well as providing archival permanence. If ink is used on drafting film, the ink surface shall be coated with a suitable substance to assure permanent legibility. The drafting film must be of a type which can be reproduced by either a photographic or diazo process. The map shall be eighteen (18) inches by twenty-seven (27) inches in size, with a three and one-half (3 1/2) inch margin at the left end for binding, and a one-half (1/2) inch margin on all other edges. No part of the drawing or certificates shall encroach upon the margins. Signatures shall be in reproducible black ink. The sheet or sheets which contain the drawing or diagram representing the survey shall be drawn at a scale suitable to insure the clarity of all lines, bearings and dimensions. In the event that any survey is of such magnitude that the drawing or diagram cannot be placed on a single sheet, serially numbered sheets shall be prepared and match lines shall be indicated on the drawing or diagram with appropriate references to other sheets.

(2) The original transparency and one (1) legible print of each record of survey shall be furnished to the county recorder in the county or counties in which the survey is to be recorded. [55-1905, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 1, p. 222; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 18, p. 530.]

**55-1906. Records of survey -- Contents.** The records of survey shall show:

(1) All monuments found or set or reset or replaced, or removed, describing their kind, size, location using bearings and distances, and giving other data relating thereto;

(2) Evidence of compliance with chapter 16, title 55, Idaho Code, including instrument numbers of any corner records which have been recorded previously and corner records of any corners which are set in conjunction with the survey being submitted; basis of bearings, bearing and length of lines, scale of map, and north arrow;

(3) Section, or part of section, township and range in which the survey is located and reference to surveys of record within or crossing or adjoining the survey;

(4) Certificate of survey;

(5) Ties to at least two (2) public land survey corner monuments of record in one (1) or more of the sections containing the record of survey, or in lieu of public land survey corners, to two (2) corners of records recognized by the county surveyor. Records of survey which are within previously platted subdivisions of record need not be tied to public land survey corner monuments. [55-1906, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 1, p. 223; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 19, p. 530; am. 2004, ch. 83, sec. 2, p. 312.]

**55-1907. Coordinates -- Basis.** When coordinates in the Idaho coordinate system are shown on a record of survey map, the map must show:

(1) The monument used as the basis of the coordinates, the datum, the combined adjustment factor and the zone;

(2) If GPS is used, a statement that current national geodetic survey procedures were used to establish the coordinates, along with the classification order. [55-1907, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 1, p. 223; am. 1997, ch. 190, sec. 20, p. 531.]

**55-1908. When record of survey not required.** A record of survey is not required of any survey when:

(1) It is of a preliminary nature.

(2) A map is in preparation for recording or has been recorded under any other section of the Idaho Code, or pursuant to the laws of the United States.

(3) A survey is performed for a mineral claim location, amendment or relocation. [55-1908, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 1, p. 223.]

**55-1909. Filing fee.** A fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per page shall be charged for filing any record of survey. [55-1909, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 1, p. 223; am. 1979, ch. 289, sec. 1, p. 768.]

**55-1910. Duties of county recorder.** The record of survey filed with the county recorder of any county shall be assigned an instrument number and shall be bound or filed with other plats of like character in a book or file or through an approved electronic storage system designated as "Records of Surveys."

Proper indexes or electronic segregated searchable and retrieval files shall be kept of such record of survey by section, township and range.

The survey map transparency shall be stored for safekeeping in a reproducible condition. It shall be proper for the recorder to maintain for public reference a set of counter maps that are prints of the transparencies. The transparencies shall be produced for comparison upon demand, and full scale copies shall be made available to the public, at direct cost, by the county recorder. [55-1910, added 1978, ch. 107, sec. 1, p. 223; am. 2005, ch. 243, sec. 10, p. 761.]

**55-1911. Error of closure.** Any survey of land involving property boundaries, including, but not limited to, public land survey lines, shall be conducted in such a manner to produce an unadjusted mathematical error of closure of not less than one (1) part in five thousand (5,000). [55-1911, added 1984, ch. 263, sec. 1, p. 637.]

**TITLE 40**  
**HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES**  
**CHAPTER 2**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**40-209. Highway right-of-way plats.** (1) A public highway agency may file in the office of the county recorder a highway right-of-way plat. The highway right-of-way plat shall show by outline and identify by parcel number tracts or parcels of land to be acquired and shall be prepared in conformance with chapter 19, title 55, Idaho Code. The recording of a highway right-of-way plat as provided in this section shall not excuse a county or highway district from the requirements of abandonment or validation of a public highway or public right-of-way as provided in sections 40-203 and 40-203A, Idaho Code. The highway right-of-way plat shall contain the following:

- (a) Project name and number;
- (b) Monuments found, set, reset, replaced or removed describing their kind, size and location and giving other data relating thereto;
- (c) Bearings, basis of bearings, length of lines, scale of map and north arrow;
- (d) Section, or part of section, township, range and reference to adjoining plats or surveys of record; and ties to at least two (2) public land survey corners, or in lieu of public land survey corners, to two (2) monuments recognized by the city engineer or surveyor, or county engineer or surveyor;
- (e) Outline of all parcels of land to be acquired, identifying them with parcel identification numbers;
- (f) Acknowledgement of authorized agent of the public highway agency filing said plat;
- (g) Certificate of land surveyor under whose responsible charge the plat is prepared.

(2) The highway right-of-way plat filed with the county recorder of any county shall be assigned an instrument number and shall be bound or filed with other plats of like character in a book on file designated "Highway Right-of-Way Plats."

(3) Any amendments, alterations, rescissions or changes in a highway right-of-way plat shall comply with subsection (1) of this section and shall be filed in a like manner. The recorder may make suitable notations on the appropriate highway right-of-way plat affected by the amendment, alteration, rescission or change to direct the attention of anyone examining the record to the proper plat.

(4) Highway right-of-way plats filed under this section shall not operate to transfer title to the real property described therein but such plat shall be used for delineation purposes. Acquisition of real property for highway right-of-way by conveyance or judicial decree may refer to said highway right-of-way plat, project number and parcel identification number, together with delineation of the parcel as a valid description of the real property for all purposes.

(5) The agency making the initial filing in a county shall reimburse the county recorder the actual cost of the plat book required in subsection (2) of this section. [40-209, added 1994, ch. 364, sec. 2, p. 1140.]

**TITLE 31**  
**COUNTIES AND COUNTY LAW**  
**CHAPTER 27**  
**COUNTY SURVEYOR**

**31-2709. Surveys must conform to United States manual.** No surveys or resurveys hereafter made shall be considered legal evidence in any court within the state, except such surveys as are made in accordance with the United States manual of surveying instructions, the circular on restoration of lost or obliterated corners and subdivisions of sections, issued by the general land office, or by the authority of the United States, the state of Idaho, or by mutual consent of the parties. [(31-2709) 1897, p. 19, sec. 1; reen. 1899, p. 295, sec. 1; reen. R.C. & C.L., sec. 2095; C.S., sec. 3674; I.C.A., sec. 30-2209; am. 1963, ch. 90, sec. 4, p. 286.]

**TITLE 67**  
**STATE GOVERNMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS**  
**CHAPTER 23**  
**MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**67-2320. Professional service contracts with design professionals, construction managers and professional land surveyors.** (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, it shall be the policy of this state that all public agencies and political subdivisions of the state of Idaho and their agents shall make selections for professional engineering, architectural, landscape architecture, construction management and professional land surveying services, including services by persons licensed pursuant to chapters 3, 12, 30 and 45, title 54, Idaho Code, on the basis of qualifications and demonstrated competence and shall negotiate contracts or agreements for such services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications for the type of services required at fair and reasonable prices.

(2) In carrying out this policy, public agencies and political subdivisions of the state shall use the following minimum guidelines in securing contracts for engineering, architectural, landscape architecture, construction management and land surveying services on projects for which the professional service fee is anticipated to exceed the total sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), excluding professional services contracts previously awarded for an associated or phased project, and the expenditure is otherwise exempt from the bidding process provided by law:

- (a) Encourage persons or firms engaged in the services being solicited to submit statements of qualifications and performance data;
- (b) Establish and make available to the public the criteria and procedures used for the selection of qualified persons or firms to perform such services;
- (c) Select the persons or firms whom the public agency or political subdivision determines to be best qualified to provide the required services, ranked in order of preference, pursuant to the public agency or political subdivision's established criteria and procedures;
- (d) Negotiate with the highest ranked person or firm for a contract or agreement to perform such services at a price determined by the public agency or political subdivision to be reasonable and fair to the public after considering the estimated value, the scope, the complexity and the nature of the services;
- (e) When unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract or agreement, formally terminate negotiations and undertake negotiations with the next highest ranked person or firm, following the procedure prescribed in subsection (2)(d) of this section;
- (f) When unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract or agreement with any of the selected persons or firms, continue with the selection and negotiation process provided in this section until a contract or agreement is reached;
- (g) When public agencies or political subdivisions solicit proposals for engineering, architectural, landscape architecture, construction management or land surveying services for which the professional service fee is anticipated to exceed the total sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), they shall publish public notice in the same manner as required for bidding of public works construction projects.
- (h) In fulfilling the requirements of subsections (2)(a) through (2)(g) of this section, a public agency or political subdivision may limit its selection from a list of three (3) persons or firms selected and preapproved for consideration by the public agency or political subdivision. In establishing a preapproved list a public agency or political

subdivision shall publish notice as set forth in subsection (2)(g) of this section. When selecting from such list, no notice shall be required.

(i) In fulfilling the requirements of subsections (2)(a) through (2)(g) of this section, a public agency or political subdivision may request information concerning a person's or firm's rates, overhead and multipliers, if any, however such information shall not be used by the public agency or political subdivision for the purpose of ranking in order of preference as required in subsection (2)(c) of this section.

(3) In securing contracts for engineering, architectural, landscape architecture, construction management or land surveying services on projects for which the professional service fee is anticipated to be less than the total sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), the public agency or political subdivision may use the guidelines set forth in paragraphs (a) through (g) of subsection (2) of this section or establish its own guidelines for selection based on demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the type of services required, followed by negotiation of the fee at a price determined by the public agency or political subdivision to be fair and reasonable after considering the estimated value, the scope, the complexity and the nature of services.

(4) When a public agency or political subdivision of the state has previously awarded a professional services contract to a person or firm for an associated or phased project the public agency or political subdivision may, at its discretion, negotiate an extended or new professional services contract with that person or firm.

(5) (a) For the purposes of this section, "public agency" shall mean the state of Idaho and any departments, commissions, boards, authorities, bureaus, universities, colleges, educational institutions or other state agencies which have been created by or pursuant to statute other than courts and their agencies and divisions, and the judicial council and the district magistrate's commission;

(b) For the purposes of this section, "political subdivision" shall mean a county, city, airport, airport district, school district, health district, road district, cemetery district, community college district, hospital district, irrigation district, sewer district, fire protection district, or any other district or municipality of any nature whatsoever having the power to levy taxes or assessment, organized under any general or special law of this state. The enumeration of certain districts herein shall not be construed to exclude other districts or municipalities from this definition. [67-2320, added 1984, ch. 188, sec. 1, p. 438; am. 1998, ch. 410, sec. 4, p. 1273.]



**IDAPA 10  
TITLE 01  
CHAPTER 04**

**RULES OF CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

These rules are promulgated as authorized by Section 54-1208(1), Idaho Code. (7-1-99)

**001. TITLE AND SCOPE.**

**01. Title.** These rules shall be cited in full as Idaho Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors, IDAPA 10.01.04, "Rules of Continuing Professional Development". (7-1-99)

**02. Scope.** In order to establish and maintain a high standard of integrity, skills and practice in the profession of land surveying, and to safeguard the life, health, property and welfare of the public, the following Rules of Continuing Professional Development, hereinafter referred to as Rules, have been promulgated in accordance with Section 54-1208, Idaho Code, and shall be binding in the state of Idaho upon every person holding a license to practice as a Professional Land Surveyor. Each Licensee under the laws of the state of Idaho is charged with being familiar with these rules and knowledgeable in their application to the practice of land surveying. Every Licensee shall meet the continuing professional development requirements of these rules as one of the conditions for license renewal. These rules shall not be a basis for action involving civil liability, however, failure to obey these Rules may subject a Licensee to Board action pursuant to Chapter 12, Title 54, Idaho Code. (7-1-99)

**002. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.**

Persons desiring to contest the actions taken in accordance with these rules shall seek administrative relief under the Attorney General's Rules, IDAPA 04.11.01, "Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General". (7-1-99)

**003. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.**

In accordance with Section 67-5201(19)(b)(iv), Idaho Code, this agency has written statements which pertain to the interpretation of the rules of this chapter, or to the documentation of compliance with the rules of this chapter. These documents are available for public inspection and copying at cost in the main office of this agency. (7-1-99)

**004. DEFINITIONS.**

For the purposes of these rules, the following terms are used as defined below: (7-1-99)

**01. College Semester Or Quarter Credit Hour.** Credit for college courses. (7-1-99)

**02. Continuing Education Unit (CEU).** Unit of credit customarily used for continuing education courses. One (1) continuing education unit equals ten (10) hours of class in an approved continuing education course. (7-1-99)

**03. Professional Development Hour (PDH).** A contact hour (minimum of fifty (50) minutes) of instruction or presentation. The common denominator for other units of credit.

(7-1-99)

**04. Activity.** Any qualifying action with a clear purpose and objective which will maintain, improve, or expand the skills and knowledge relevant to the licensee's field of practice.  
(7-1-99)

**05. Licensee.** A person who is licensed to practice as a professional land surveyor.  
(7-1-99)

**06. Board.** The Idaho Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors.  
(7-1-99)

**07. Self-Study.** Documented study of professional/technical journals, published papers, articles, books, software or other areas of training which increase knowledge of the technology above and beyond routine job assignments.  
(7-1-99)

**08. Active Participation.** Serving as an officer or committee chair at either the state or local (section or chapter) level.  
(7-1-99)

#### **005. REQUIREMENTS.**

Every Licensee is required to obtain thirty (30) PDH units during the renewal period biennium (beginning on the first day of the month following the month in which the Licensee was born). If a Licensee exceeds the biennial requirement in any renewal period, a maximum of thirty (30) PDH units may be carried forward into the subsequent renewal period. PDH units may be earned in the following activities, however, PDH units must come from two (2) or more activities.  
(3-30-01)

**01. Successful Completion Of College Credits.** (7-1-99)

**02. Successful Completion Of Continuing Education Units.** (7-1-99)

**03. Successful Completion Of Other Courses.** Correspondence, televised, videotaped, and other short courses/tutorials for which college credits or CEU's are awarded.  
(7-1-99)

**04. Attending Qualifying Seminars.** Attending qualifying seminars, in-house courses, workshops, or technical or professional presentations made at meetings, conventions, or conferences.  
(7-1-99)

**05. Teaching Or Instructing.** Teaching or instructing in Subsections 005.01 through 005.04 above, above and beyond routine job assignments.  
(7-1-99)

**06. Authoring Published Papers, Articles, Or Books.** (7-1-99)

**07. Membership In Technical Or Professional Organizations.** (7-1-99)

**08. Active Participation In Technical Or Professional Organizations.** (7-1-99)

**09. Patents.** (7-1-99)

**10. Presentations To Technical, Professional Or Civic Organizations.** (7-1-99)

**11. Self Study.** (7-1-99)

**006. UNITS.**

The conversion of other units of credit to PDH (Professional Development Hour) units is as follows:

1 College semester credit hour equals	45 PDH
1 College quarter credit hour equals	30 PDH
1 Continuing Education Unit equals	10 PDH
1 Hour of attendance in course work, seminars, or technical or professional presentations made at meetings, conventions, or conferences equals	1 PDH
Teaching 1 through 4 above, above and beyond normal job assignments, apply multiple of 2	
Each published paper, article or book not to exceed	5 PDH
Technical or professional organization membership (Each organization) equals	3 PDH
Active participation in technical and professional organization (Each organization) equals	3 PDH
Each patent not to exceed	5 PDH
Presentations to technical, professional or civic organizations equals	2 PDH per hour of presentation
Documented self-study not to exceed	5 PDH

(7-1-99)

**007. DETERMINATION OF CREDIT.**

The Board will not pre-approve activities as qualifying for continuing professional development, but has final authority to judge the PDH value for all activities submitted to fulfil CPD requirements. (3-30-01)

**008. RECORD KEEPING.**

Maintenance of records to support credits claimed is the responsibility of the Licensee. Records required include, but are not limited to: (7-1-99)

**01. Log.** A log showing the type of activity claimed, sponsoring organization, location, duration, instructor's or speaker's name, and PDH credits earned; (7-1-99)

**02. Attendance Verification.** Attendance verification records in the form of completion certificates or other documents supporting evidence of attendance; or (7-1-99)

**03. Records.** Records as maintained by the Professional Development Registry for Engineers and Surveyors (PDRES) or other similar repositories. These records must be maintained for a period of five (5) years and copies may be requested by the Board for audit

verification purposes.

(7-1-99)

**009. EXEMPTIONS.**

A Licensee may be exempt from the continuing professional development requirements for one (1) of the following reasons:

(7-1-99)

**01. First Renewal Period.** New Licensees by way of examination or comity shall be exempt for their first renewal period.

(7-1-99)

**02. Active Duty In The Armed Forces.** A Licensee serving on temporary active duty in the armed forces of the United States for a period of time exceeding one hundred twenty (120) consecutive days in a renewal period shall be exempt from obtaining the professional development hours required during that renewal period.

(3-30-01)

**03. Extenuating Circumstances.** A Licensee experiencing physical disability, serious illness, or other extenuating circumstances accepted by the board.

(7-1-99)

**04. Retired And Receiving No Remuneration.** A Licensee who has chosen and qualified for the "Retired" status and who further certifies that they are no longer receiving any remuneration from providing professional land surveying services shall be exempt from the professional development hours required. In the event such a person elects to return to active practice of professional land surveying, professional development hours must be earned before returning to active practice for each biennium exempted not to exceed the requirement for two (2) bienniums.

(3-30-01)

**05. Expired License.** A Licensee who has chosen to allow his license to expire shall be exempt from the professional development hours required. In the event such a person elects to reactivate the license, professional development hours must be earned before reinstating the license or certificate for each biennium exempted not to exceed the requirement for two (2) bienniums.

(3-30-01)

**010. COMITY/OUT-OF-JURISDICTION RESIDENTS.**

The CPD requirements for non-resident licensees shall be the same as that for resident licensees.

(7-1-99)

**011. -- 998. (RESERVED).**

**999. SEVERABILITY.**

The rules governing this chapter are severable. If any rule, or part thereof, or the application of such rule to any person or circumstance is declared invalid, that invalidity does not affect the validity of any remaining portion of this chapter.

(7-1-99)

**IDAPA 10  
TITLE 01  
CHAPTER 01**

**RULES OF PROCEDURE**

**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

These rules are promulgated as authorized by Section 54-1208(1), Idaho Code. (7-1-93)

**001. TITLE AND SCOPE.**

**01. Title.** These rules shall be cited in full as the Idaho Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors, IDAPA 10.01.01, "Rules of Procedure." (7-1-93)

**02. Scope.** These rules include procedures of the Board on matters relating to written interpretations, the office of the Board, filing of documents, rulemaking, contested cases, meetings, order of business, officers and committees, fees, reissuance of certificates, publications, seals, certificates, applications, examinations, reexaminations, registrants or certificate holders of other states and boards, board quorum, right to publish disciplinary actions, requirements to be considered "exceptional" under Section 54-1223B, Idaho Code. Administrative appeals, public records act compliance, inclusive gender, and severability. (4-5-00)

**002. (RESERVED).**

**003. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.**

In accordance with Section 67-5201(19)(b)(iv), Idaho Code, this agency has written statements which pertain to the interpretation of the rules of this chapter, or to the documentation of compliance with the rules of this chapter. These documents are available for public inspection and copying at cost in the main office of this agency. (7-1-93)

**004. OFFICE -- OFFICE HOURS -- MAILING ADDRESS AND STREET ADDRESS -- TELEPHONE NUMBERS.**

The office of the Board shall be at 5535 W. Overland Road, Boise, Idaho 83705-2728. Normal office hours shall be from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays as recognized by the state of Idaho. The mailing address shall be the same as the street address. The telephone number shall be (208) 373-7210. The telephone number for the facsimile machine shall be (208) 373-7213. The telephone number for the TDD relay shall be 1-800-377-3529. (4-11-06)

**005. FILING OF DOCUMENTS -- NUMBER OF COPIES.**

All documents in rulemaking or contested cases must be filed with the Executive Director of the Board. Unless otherwise specifically required, only the original document must be filed. (4-5-00)

**006. RULEMAKING.**

All matters relating to rulemaking by the Board shall be in accordance with the Attorney General's Rules, IDAPA 04.11.01, "Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General." (4-22-94)

**007. CONTESTED CASES.**

All matters relating to contested cases before the Board shall be in accordance with the Attorney General's Rules, IDAPA 04.11.01, "Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General." (4-22-94)

**008. MEETINGS.**

The annual meeting of the Board shall be held in June. Other regular meetings shall be held at such times and places as the Board may designate. The Chairman may call special meetings when deemed necessary and shall call special meetings upon the written request of three (3) members of the Board. The Executive Director shall notify members in writing, at least ten (10) days in advance of the date, time and place of each meeting, and shall also provide appropriate public notice of each meeting. (4-5-00)

**009. ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

01. Agenda Titles and Sequence. Order of Business shall be as follows: (7-1-93)
  - a. Reading of minutes. (7-1-93)
  - b. Review and approval of consent agenda. (3-30-01)
  - c. Unfinished business. (7-1-93)
  - d. New business. (7-1-93)
  - e. Consideration of applications. (3-30-01)
  - f. Consideration of disciplinary matters. (3-30-01)
  - g. Adjournment. (7-1-93)

02. Governing by Roberts Rules of Order. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern procedure of the Board except as otherwise provided by these rules. (7-1-93)

**010. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.**

**01. Duties of Chairman.** The Chairman shall be the executive head of the Board and shall: preside at meetings; appoint committees; perform all duties pertaining to the office of the Chairman. (7-1-93)

**02. Duties of Vice Chairman.** The Vice Chairman shall, in the absence or incapacity of the Chairman, exercise the duties and possess all the powers of the Chairman. (7-1-93)

**03. Duties of Secretary.** The Secretary shall, with the assistance of the Executive Director and staff, and under the direction of the Board, perform the following functions and duties: (4-5-00)

- a. Keep correct minutes of the Board; (7-1-93)
- b. Furnish a copy of all minutes to each member of the Board; (7-1-93)
- c. Send written notice of regular and special meetings of the Board to each Board member not less than ten (10) days in advance thereof, as well as provide appropriate public notice; (7-1-93)
- d. Review each application for registration or certification for essential data prior to consideration thereof by the Board; (7-1-93)
- e. Verify qualifications, experience and character of the applicants; (7-1-93)
- f. Make arrangements for examinations, interviews and hearings; (7-1-93)
- g. Report to the Board members the results of every examination and other evidence of qualifications, with recommendations to the Board; (7-1-93)
- h. Assist in the investigations of complaints and charges and arrange for hearings by the Board; (7-1-93)
- i. Prepare and present the required annual report and roster as the Board may direct; (7-1-93)
- j. Keep all records, including minutes, register of applicants for registration and the roster of registrants; (7-1-93)
- k. Attend to all official correspondence of the Board; (7-1-93)
- l. Perform all other duties prescribed by the Act as directed by the Board; and (7-1-93)
- m. Otherwise perform all the duties normally pertaining to the Office of Secretary. (7-1-93)

**04. Duties and Qualifications of Executive Director.** The Executive Director of the Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors shall: (4-5-00)

- a. Not be a member of the Board. (7-1-93)
- b. Be a registered professional engineer or professional land surveyor in the state of Idaho and possess other qualifications required for members of the Board. (7-1-93)
- c. Hold office at the pleasure of the Board. (7-1-93)

- d. Receive such compensation as the Board may determine. (7-1-93)
- e. Perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board. (7-1-93)

**05. Surety Bond.** To comply with the requirements of Section 41-3502, Idaho Code, state officials and state employees are covered by blanket bond with the premium prorated to the several departments and agencies. The portion of cost prorated to the Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors shall be paid from the “Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors” Fund. (7-1-93)

**06. Committees.** Regular and special committees of the Board shall perform the duties assigned to them and shall present reports to the Board at the time specified or at the earliest regular or special meeting of the Board. A special voluntary committee from the public, which may include members of the Board, may be formed to render special services as the Board may assign to them. (7-1-93)

## **011. FEES.**

**01. Applications and Renewals.** All fees shall be set by the Board in the following categories and shall in no event be more than the amount specified in Sections 54-1213, 54-1214, 54-1216, 54-1219 and 54-1223, Idaho Code. Fees are not refundable. (4-5-00)

- a. Registration as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor by examination. (7-1-93)
- b. Certification as an engineer-in-training or land surveyor-in-training by examination. (7-1-93)
- c. Certification for a business entity applying for a certificate of authorization to practice or offer to practice engineering or land surveying. (3-15-02)
- d. Applications for reexamination in professional engineering, professional land surveying, engineer-in-training or land surveyor-in-training. (7-1-93)
- e. Renewals for professional engineers, professional land surveyors, engineers-in-training, land surveyors-in-training and business entities. (3-15-02)
- f. Registration for professional engineers or professional land surveyors by comity registration. (7-1-93)

**02. Late or Denied Renewals.** Failure on the part of any registrant or business entity to renew their fees prior to their expiration shall not deprive such persons or business entity of the right of renewal, but the fees to be paid for renewal after their expiration shall be increased as prescribed in Section 54-1216, Idaho Code. (3-15-02)

**03. Reexaminations.** Separate fees will be assessed for each examination and such fees shall accompany all applications for examination for professional engineers, professional land surveyors, engineers-in-training, and land surveyors-in-training. (7-1-93)



**04. Schedule of Fees.** The schedule of fees as determined by the Board shall be furnished to applicants with application forms. (7-1-93)

**012. REISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES.**

A new certificate of registration or authorization, to replace any certificate lost, destroyed or mutilated, may be issued upon written certification of the loss and payment of fee of ten dollars (\$10). (7-1-93)

**013. PUBLICATIONS.**

**01. Annual Report.** An annual report shall be submitted to the governor, the contents of which shall comply with the provisions of Section 54-1210, Idaho Code. (7-1-93)

**02. Roster.** A roster of professional engineers, professional land surveyors, engineers-in-training, land surveyors-in-training, and engineering and land surveying business entities in good standing and registrants and certificate holders in the retired status as provided in these rules shall be maintained in an electronic format available to the public. (3-15-02)

**03. Retired Status.** Those registrants who have reached the age of sixty (60) (or are totally and permanently disabled) and are retiring from practice may be listed in the retired section of the Roster, upon application to the Board. The biennial fee for being thus listed shall be established by the Board. Such listing does not permit a registrant to engage in the practice of engineering or land surveying. The fee for reinstatement to active practice shall be as required for delayed renewals in Section 54-1216, Idaho Code. (5-3-03)

**014. SEALS.**

**01. Official Seal of Board.** The official seal of this Board shall consist of the seal of the state of Idaho, surrounded with the words "Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors" and "State of Idaho." (7-1-93)

**02. Standard Seals for Engineers and Land Surveyors.** The Board shall adopt standard seals for use by registered professional engineers and professional land surveyors as prescribed by Section 54-1215, Idaho Code. (7-1-93)

**03. Seal for Professional Engineer/Land Surveyor.** Engineers obtaining registration as land surveyors under the changes to Section 54-1217, Idaho Code, by the 1978 Legislature shall use the seal showing registration as a Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor as adopted by the Board. (7-1-93)

**015. CERTIFICATES.**

Certificates of registration or authorization issued by the Board shall be displayed in the place of business. (7-1-93)

**016. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OR CERTIFICATION.**

**01. Forms.** Application forms for registration as a professional engineer, or professional land surveyor, certification as an engineer-in-training, land surveyor-in-training or

certificates of authorization to practice or offer to practice engineering or land surveying by a business entity may be obtained from the office of the Executive Director of the Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors. (3-15-02)

**02. Completion of Application.** Applications shall be made on such forms as may be prescribed by the Board. An application which is not fully completed by the applicant need not be considered or acted upon by the Board. The application by a business entity for a certificate of authorization to practice or offer to practice engineering or land surveying must set forth their address, and name and address of the individual, or individuals, duly registered to practice engineering or land surveying in this state, who will be in responsible charge of engineering or land surveying services offered or rendered by the business entity in this state. (3-15-02)

**03. Dates of Submittal.** Applications for the Spring and Fall examination, respectively, must be received by the Executive Director or postmarked by January 10 or August 1 of any year. In order for the Board to be able to verify experience, only experience up to the date of submittal of the application will be considered as valid. Experience anticipated between the date of the application submittal and the date of the examination or issuance of registration will not be considered. For students, the application filing date for the Fundamentals of Engineering examination may be extended at the discretion of the Board. Except for military personnel stationed in Idaho, only Idaho residents and students at Idaho universities will be assigned to examinations, unless otherwise approved by the Board. (3-30-01)

**04. Confidentiality of References.** All information received from references named by the applicant shall be held in confidence by the Board. Neither members of the Board nor relatives of the applicant by blood or marriage shall be named or accepted as references. (7-1-93)

**05. Minimum Standards -- References.** An applicant may not be admitted to the examination until satisfactory replies have been received from a minimum of five (5) of his references for professional engineers or land surveyors and three (3) references for engineers-in-training and land surveyors-in-training. It shall be the responsibility of each applicant to furnish their references with the forms prescribed by the Board. (3-30-01)

## **017. EXAMINATIONS.**

**01. Semiannually or Annually; Special or Oral Examination.** Examinations for professional engineer, professional land surveyor, engineer-in-training and land surveyor-in-training will be held annually or semi-annually, the exact time and place to be determined by the Board. Special oral or written examinations during the year may be given by the Board. (7-1-93)

**02. Eligibility for Examinations, Educational Requirements.** The application for registration for professional engineer, professional land surveyor or certification of engineer-in-training or land surveyor-in-training, together with the written examination, shall be considered in the determination of the applicant's eligibility. Each applicant must meet the minimum requirements as set forth in Section 54-1212, Idaho Code, before admittance to any examination. (7-1-93)

a. In regard to educational requirements, the Board will consider as unconditionally approved only those engineering programs which are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation

Commission (EAC) of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). Non-EAC/ABET accredited engineering programs and engineering technology programs will be considered by the Board on their specific merits, but are not considered equal to engineering programs accredited by EAC/ABET. The Board may continue consideration of an application for valid reasons for a period of one (1) year, without forfeiture of the application fee. (3-20-04)

b. An applicant who has completed a four (4) year bachelor degree program in engineering not accredited by EAC/ABET or a four (4) year bachelor degree program in engineering technology, or in a related science degree program other than engineering must have completed a minimum of fifteen (15) semester credits of Engineering Science at a Sophomore and Junior level, six (6) semester credits of Engineering Design related courses at a Senior level, twelve (12) semester credits of Advanced Mathematics including Calculus and Differential Equations, and twelve (12) semester credits of basic science courses including Chemistry, calculus-based Physics and other appropriate basic science courses before the Board will consider them to possess knowledge and skill approximating that attained through graduation from an approved four (4) year engineering curriculum as required by Section 54-1212(3)(b), Idaho Code, for assignment to the examination for certification as an Engineer-in-Training or as required by Section 54-1212(1)(b), Idaho Code, for assignment to the examination for licensure as a professional engineer. (3-20-04)

i. Standard, regularly scheduled courses from accredited university programs, (on campus, correspondence, video, etc.) are normally acceptable without further justification other than transcript listing. The Board may require detailed course descriptions for seminar, directed study, special problem and similar courses to insure that the above requirements are met. (7-1-93)

ii. Graduate level engineering courses, i.e. courses which are available only to graduate students, are normally not acceptable since the Board believes graduate engineering courses may not provide the proper fundamental foundation to meet the broad requirements of professional engineering. (7-1-93)

c. Beginning July 1, 2010, an applicant who has completed a four (4) year bachelor degree program in a related science must have completed a minimum of the following college level academic courses, or their equivalents as determined by the Board, before the Board will consider them to possess knowledge and skill approximating that attained through graduation from an approved four (4) year surveying curriculum as required by Section 54-1212(4)(b), Idaho Code, for assignment to the examination for certification as a Land Surveyor-in-Training or as required by Section 54-1212(2)(b), Idaho Code, for assignment to the examination for licensure as a professional land surveyor: (3-30-07)

- i. Three (3) credits in Surveying Law and Boundary Descriptions; (3-30-07)
- ii. Three (3) credits in Route Surveying; (3-30-07)
- iii. Three (3) credits in Public Land Surveying; (3-30-07)
- iv. Three (3) credits in Surveying Software Applications; (3-30-07)
- v. Three (3) credits in Research and Evidence in Surveying; (3-30-07)

- vi. Three (3) credits in Surveying Adjustments and Coordinate Systems; (3-30-07)
- vii. Three (3) credits in Subdivision Planning and Platting; (3-30-07)
- viii. Three (3) credits in Geodesy; and (3-30-07)
- ix. Three (3) credits in Survey Office Practice and Business Law in Surveying. (3-30-07)

d. In addition to the minimum requirements set forth in Section 54-1212, Idaho Code, a person who desires to be qualified by examination in the field of structural engineering shall meet the following requirements: (4-22-94)

- i. Be a registered professional engineer in Idaho. (7-1-93)
- ii. Have two (2) years of work experience in the field of structural engineering after being registered as a professional engineer. The Principles and Practice of Engineering examination for Structural Engineering will cover the practice of structural engineering to test the applicant's fitness to assume responsibility for engineering work affecting the public health, safety and welfare. The examination shall be sixteen (16) hours. (7-1-93)

e. The Board may require an independent evaluation of the engineering education of an applicant who was educated outside the United States. Such evaluation shall be done through an organization approved by the Board and shall be done at the expense of the applicant. Such evaluation shall not be required if the applicant has received a master's degree from an U.S. institution which has a bachelor degree program accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology in the discipline of the applicant's master's degree, and, in addition, has completed the coursework requirements of Subsection 017.02.b. The Board may table action on the application pending receipt of the evaluation, and, in the event the applicant does not provide the evaluation within one (1) year, the Board may terminate the application, in which case the application fee shall be forfeited. (4-5-00)

**03. Notification to Applicant by Board.** Notification of assignment or non-assignment to the examination will be furnished to the applicant at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the examination. (4-5-00)

**04. Notification to Board by Applicant.** The applicant shall, at least fifteen (15) days before an examination, notify the Executive Director of the Board whether or not he will appear for the examination. Examinations will be given only to those who have so notified the Board. (4-5-00)

**05. Excused Non-Attendance at Exam.** In the event that an applicant cannot attend an examination, he shall immediately notify the Board to that effect and shall state the reason for non-attendance. Normally, no more than one (1) valid excuse and reassignment shall be granted to an applicant. If an applicant fails to appear for two (2) administrations of an examination their application may be terminated and they may be required to submit a new application and pay a new application fee in order to be reconsidered. (3-30-01)

**06. Two Examinations for Engineering Registration.** The complete examining procedure for registration as a professional engineer consists of two (2) separate written examinations. The first is the Fundamentals of Engineering examination for engineer-in-training certification, and the second is the Principles and Practice of Engineering for professional engineer registration. Each examination shall be eight (8) hours in length. Normally, applicants are eligible to take the Fundamentals of Engineering examination during the last or second-to-last semester of or after graduation from an accredited bachelor of science engineering curriculum. A certificate as an Engineer-in-Training will be issued only to those student applicants who earn a passing grade on the examination and who receive a degree. Having passed the Fundamentals of Engineering examination, applicants will be required to take the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination at a later date when qualified by experience. (4-22-94)

**07. Fundamentals of Engineering.** The Fundamentals of Engineering examination will cover such subjects as are ordinarily given in engineering college curricula and which are common to all fields of practice. The examination may also cover subject matters that are specific to the engineering discipline of the applicants education. (4-5-00)

**08. Principles and Practice of Engineering -- Disciplines.** The Principles and Practice of Engineering examination will cover the practice of engineering to test the applicant's fitness to assume responsibility for engineering works affecting the public health, safety and welfare. Separate examinations will be given to test the applicant's fitness in any discipline for which there is an examination which, in the opinion of the Board, meets the requirements of duration and difficulty necessary to adequately test the applicant's fitness to practice in that particular discipline. The Board may use examinations prepared by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) or it may prepare or commission the preparation of examinations in disciplines other than those for which examinations may be available from NCEES. (4-22-94)

**09. Two Examinations for Land Surveying Registration.** The complete examining procedure for registration as a professional land surveyor consists of two (2) separate written examinations. The first is the Fundamentals of Land Surveying examination for land surveyors-in-training certification, and the second is the Principles and Practice of Land Surveying registration. Each examination will be a total of eight (8) hours in length. Having passed the Fundamentals of Land Surveying examination, applicants will be required to take the Principles and Practice of Land Surveying examination at a later date when qualified by experience. The examination shall cover the theory and principles of surveying, the practice of land surveying and the requirements of legal enactments. The Principles and Practice of Land Surveying examination may consist of separate modules, each of which must be passed. (4-5-00)

**10. Oral or Unassembled Examinations.** An oral examination or unassembled written examination, in addition to the prescribed written examination, may be required for professional engineer and professional land surveyor applicants. (7-1-93)

**11. Special Examinations.** A special examination, written or oral or both, may be required in certain instances where the applicant is seeking registration through comity with another state or political entity having required written examinations that are not wholly comparable in length, nature or scope. This examination supplements the certified qualifying record of the applicant and establishes a more common basis for judging the application and awarding a certificate of qualification or registration in this state. The length of these special

examinations shall be determined by the Board, but shall in no case exceed the lengths specified for the regular examination. Special examinations may be given at any date and need not conform with regular examination dates. (7-1-93)

**12. Grading.** Each land surveyor-in-training, engineer-in-training and professional engineer applicant must normally attain a scaled score of seventy (70) or above on the entire eight (8) hour examination before being awarded certification or registration. Examinees on the Principles and Practice of Land Surveying examination must normally attain a scaled score of seventy (70) or above on each section of the examination. (4-5-00)

**13. Use of NCEES Examinations.** Examinations prepared and graded by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) for professional engineer, engineers-in-training, professional land surveyors, and land surveyors-in-training may be used by the Board. The examination for the field of structural engineering shall be the sixteen (16) hour examination as determined by the Board. (7-1-93)

**14. Review of Examination by Examinee.** Due to security concerns about the examinations, examinees shall not be allowed to review their examination. Examinees who fail an examination will be provided a diagnostic analysis of their performance on the examination if such an analysis is available to the Board. (3-20-04)

**15. Disposal of Used Examination Pamphlets and Answer Sheets.** The Executive Director of the Board is authorized by the Board to dispose of used examination solution pamphlets and answer sheets after the first anniversary date after the examination was given. (3-30-01)

**16. Proctoring of Examinations.** Unless otherwise approved, the Board will not proctor an examination for another jurisdiction except State-Specific examinations. (4-11-06)

## **018. REEXAMINATIONS.**

**01. Allowing Reexamination upon Failure.** An applicant failing any portion of the Principles and Practice of Land Surveying examination, and having applied for reexamination as permitted by law, may at the discretion of the Board, be required to take only the portion of the examination for which a failing grade was received. (7-1-93)

**02. Application for Reexamination.** An applicant who has failed any examination, as previously described, may be assigned by the Board to reexamination upon written request and payment of fees at least sixty (60) days prior to any scheduled examination date. (7-1-93)

**03. Failure of Reexamination.** An applicant who fails on reexamination, must appear before the Board or a member of the Board before being admitted to examination, and must present evidence satisfactory to the Board to warrant an additional examination as set forth in Section 54-1214, Idaho Code. (4-5-00)

## **019. REGISTRANTS OR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF OTHER STATES AND BOARDS.**

**01. Interstate Registration Evaluation.** Each application for Idaho professional engineer license or professional land surveyor license submitted by an applicant who is licensed as a professional engineer, or licensed as a professional land surveyor, respectively, in one (1) or more states, territories or foreign countries, shall be considered by the Board on its merits, and the application evaluated for substantial compliance with respect to the requirements of the Idaho law. Graduates of programs accredited by organizations signatory to the “Washington Accord” and graduates from programs evaluated by ABET as being substantially equivalent to EAC/ABET programs shall be considered to have satisfied the educational requirement for issuance of a license as a professional engineer. Individuals who have passed examinations considered by the Board to be of comparable difficulty and duration as those utilized by the Board shall be considered to have satisfied the examination requirement for issuance of a license as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor. (3-20-04)

a. The Board may require an independent evaluation of the engineering education of an applicant who was educated outside the United States. Such evaluation shall be done through an organization approved by the Board and shall be done at the expense of the applicant. Such evaluation shall not be required if the applicant has been licensed in another jurisdiction of the United States for an minimum of ten (10) years and has not had any disciplinary action against them and there is not pending, and possesses the education, experience and examination credentials that were specified in the applicable registration chapter in effect in this state at the time such certification was issued. The Board may table action on the application pending receipt of the evaluation, and, in the event the applicant does not provide the evaluation within one (1) year, the Board may terminate the application, in which case the application fee shall be forfeited. (4-5-00)

b. An applicant who was originally licensed in another jurisdiction after June 30, 1996 and who has completed a four (4) year bachelor degree program in engineering not accredited by EAC/ABET or a four (4) year bachelor degree program in engineering technology, or in a related science degree program other than engineering must have completed a minimum of fifteen (15) semester credits of Engineering Science at a Sophomore and Junior level, six (6) semester credits of Engineering Design related courses at a Senior level, twelve (12) semester credits of Advanced Mathematics including Calculus and Differential Equations, and twelve (12) semester credits of basic science courses including Chemistry, calculus-based Physics and other appropriate basic science courses before the Board will consider them to possess knowledge and skill approximating that attained through graduation from an approved four (4) year engineering curriculum as required by Section 54-1212(1)(b), Idaho Code. (3-30-07)

c. An applicant who was originally licensed in another jurisdiction after June 30, 2010 who has completed a four (4) year bachelor degree program in a related science must have completed a minimum of the following college level academic courses, or their equivalents as determined by the Board, before the Board will consider them to possess knowledge and skill approximating that attained through graduation from an approved four (4) year surveying curriculum as required by Section 54-1212(2)(b), Idaho Code, for licensure as a professional land surveyor: (3-30-07)

- i. Three (3) credits in Surveying Law and Boundary Descriptions; (3-30-07)
- ii. Three (3) credits in Route Surveying; (3-30-07)

- iii. Three (3) credits in Public Land Surveying; (3-30-07)
- iv. Three (3) credits in Surveying Software Applications; (3-30-07)
- v. Three (3) credits in Research and Evidence in Surveying; (3-30-07)
- vi. Three (3) credits in Surveying Adjustments and Coordinate Systems; (3-30-07)
- vii. Three (3) credits in Subdivision Planning and Platting; (3-30-07)
- viii. Three (3) credits in Geodesy; and (3-30-07)
- ix. Three (3) credits in Survey Office Practice and Business Law in Surveying. (3-30-07)

**02. Denials or Special Examinations.** An application from a registrant of another state, territory or foreign country may be denied by the Board for any just cause and the application fee retained; or the Board may approve the applicant for a special written and/or oral examination. If the applicant is assigned to examination no additional fee shall be required. (7-1-93)

**03. Business Entity Requirements.** No application for a certificate of authorization to practice or offer to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying, or both, in Idaho by a business entity authorized to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying or both in one (1) or more states, territories or foreign countries shall be considered by the Board unless such application includes the name and address of the individual or individuals, duly registered to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying or both in this state, who will be in responsible charge of the engineering or land surveying services, or both, as applicable, to be rendered by the business entity in Idaho. The said individual or individuals must certify or indicate to the Board their willingness to assume responsible charge. (3-15-02)

## **020. BOARD QUORUM.**

For the conduct of official business at any Board meeting, a quorum shall be present. A quorum is construed and defined as being at least three (3) members of the Board legally holding office at the time of the meeting. (7-1-93)

## **021. RIGHT TO PUBLISH DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS.**

The Board office may disclose the filing and the nature of a complaint, but may not disclose the details of an investigation. Final, formal enforcement, including, but not limited to actions such as fines, assessment of expenses, revocations or suspensions shall be public information. Probations and conditions may be subject to public disclosure whenever the Board believes it is in the public interest. Following a hearing or the entry of a consent agreement, the Board may publish a summary of any order issued by it, in a newsletter or newspaper of general circulation or, for a period of up to ten (10) years, may post it on the Internet. The Board may also advise anyone requesting such information of the contents of any order issued by it. (5-3-03)

## **022. REQUIREMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED “EXCEPTIONAL” UNDER SECTION 54-1223B, IDAHO CODE.**



**01. Waiver of the Fundamentals of Engineering Examination.** In order to be considered “exceptional” under Section 54-1223B, Idaho Code, an applicant for registration as a professional engineer, either by examination or by comity, who seeks waiver of the fundamentals of engineering examination, must have a record of service and contributions beyond the ordinary in two (2) of the following three (3) areas: (4-5-00)

- a. Professional or technical; (4-5-00)
- b. Business or industry; and (4-5-00)
- c. Community or cultural. (4-5-00)

**02. Activities Which the Board Believes are Exceptional.** Examples of activities which the Board believes are exceptional are: (4-5-00)

- a. Serving as an officer or committee chair; (4-5-00)
- b. Originating projects or initiatives; (4-5-00)
- c. Investing time or energy into the community; (4-5-00)
- d. Authoring significant publications; and (4-5-00)
- e. Receiving significant awards. (4-5-00)

**03. Activities Which the Board Believes Are Ordinary.** Examples of activities which the Board believes are only ordinary are: (4-5-00)

- a. Completing routine job assignments; (4-5-00)
- b. Holding membership in professional and technical societies; (4-5-00)
- c. Contributing money to causes; (4-5-00)
- d. Attending community events; and (4-5-00)
- e. Owning a business. (4-5-00)

**04. Written Request for Exceptional Designation.** An applicant who seeks waiver of the fundamentals of engineering examination shall submit a written request for the exceptional designation accompanied by two (2) written references supporting and explaining the applicants contributions that are beyond the ordinary. (4-5-00)

**023. -- 994. (RESERVED).**

**995. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.**

Persons desiring to contest the actions taken in accordance with these rules shall seek administrative relief under the Attorney General’s Rules, IDAPA 04.11.01, “Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General.” (4-22-94)

**996. (RESERVED).**

**997. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT COMPLIANCE.**

The records associated with the Board are subject to the provisions of the Idaho Public Records Act, Title 9, Chapter 1, Idaho Code. (7-1-93)

**998. INCLUSIVE GENDER.**

For the purpose of this chapter, words used in the masculine gender include the feminine, or vice versa, where appropriate. (7-1-93)

**999. SEVERABILITY.**

The rules governing this chapter are severable. If any rule, or part thereof, or the application of such rule to any person or circumstance is declared invalid, that invalidity does not affect the validity of any remaining portion of this chapter. (7-1-93)